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A SET-BACK FOR THE NORTH.

FENG'S TROOPS CAPTURE HSUCHOWFU.

CANTON REACTION ON KUOMINTANG CONFERENCE.

SHANGHAI STILL UNEASY.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian" General) appears to have registered a distinct success in the North. He claims that his troops occupied Hsuehchowfu on Saturday night, and, despite Peking denials, the report is believed to be correct. On the other hand, Nansueh and Kuehen are said to have been captured by the North, and the Southern troops are stated to be withdrawing south of the Hwai River.

The Kuomintang Conference has resumed in Shanghai, but Canton developments are said to be mainly responsible for the atmosphere of indecision which marks the meetings. There are ten resolutions before the Conference, mainly designed to reorganise the Party and its various departments.

The strike situation in Shanghai shows no sign of improvement, a reduced tramway service being maintained under police protection. In Hankow, the situation is quiet, the rival military commanders having gone to Shanghai.

It is expected in Parliamentary circles in London that Mr. Winston Churchill will this week ask the House of Commons for a supplementary vote of £5,000,000 to help pay for the Shanghai Defence Force.

HEAVY DEFENCE FORCE COSTS.

Shanghai, Dec. 4. This signifies a definite split between Canton and the Nanking Kuomintang members.—*Reuter*.

Nanking's Writ.

Shanghai, Dec. 3. Thirty-three members were present at the preliminary meeting this afternoon at which the edict against Canton was mentioned. General Li Chai-sum was belligerent.

Northern Claims.

Peking, Dec. 4. According to Northern claims, a week ago, but Northern counter-attacks have repulsed the Southerners. The Northerners have recaptured Nansueh and Kuehen, and the Southerners are withdrawing south of the Hwai river, concentrating at Peng.

The latest news of "Feng Yu-hsiang's" forces, is that they are fighting in the vicinity of Kweichow.—*Reuter*.

CONFERENCE RESUMES.

Atmosphere of Indecision.

Shanghai, Dec. 4. The preliminary Kuomintang conference met again at Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's residence this afternoon, and the possibilities are that these meetings will last several days. There seems to be an atmosphere of indecision, chiefly arising from the Canton episode.

There are ten resolutions before the conference, namely:
1 The abolition or maintenance of the Special Central Committee, and other organisations created by that body.
2 The organisation of a Standing Committee.
3 The re-organisation of all departments of the Kuomintang Headquarters.
4 The organisation of a Political Committee.
5 The re-organisation of the Nationalist Government.
6 The confirmation or rejection of the resolutions passed by Nanking and by Hankow.
7 The registration of the members of the Kuomintang.
8 The convening of a third conference of Nationalist representatives.
9 The discussion of other points raised.
10 The fixing of the time and place for the holding of a fourth plenary session.—*Reuter*.

NANKING'S EDICT.

New Nationalist Split.

Shanghai, Dec. 3. The Nationalist Government at Nanking to-day issued an edict dismissing General Chang Faw-kai, and General Wang Ki-cheung, denouncing them as traitors and pro-Communists, and ordering the Military Council to commence hostilities against Canton forthwith.

PIRACY ECHO.

CAPT. LALOR AGAIN DISAPPEARS.

BANDITS RETREAT TO HILLS.

Further fears have arisen concerning the safety of Capt. W. G. Lalor, the master of the s.s. Slang Tan, who has now disappeared from Palyang, his present whereabouts being unknown.

Naval authorities, with the assistance of Chinese, are leaving no stone unturned to get again into touch with the captive officer, but they are in possession of information to the effect that the bandits have disappeared into the hills fastnesses, leaving little trace.

Held prisoner since Wednesday evening by the gang of armed brigands, who attacked his vessel, killing three of the ship's company, while it lay at anchor in a small cove about seventeen miles below Ichang, Capt. Lalor succeeded in communicating with his searchers on Friday from Palyang, stating that a ransom of \$60,000 was being asked.

New Development.

Development has followed development since then. Telegrams were subsequently sent to Capt. Lalor, informing him that an expedition was being organised to meet the bandit chief, and that it was hoped to effect his release on Monday (to-day). These telegrams have not been delivered, it has been discovered, the desperadoes having moved.

Fortunately the leader of the gang is known to the Chinese authorities, who declare also that they know the district from which the bandits came. The rescue expedition, led by the Scottish missionary, Mr. Tocher, will not be abandoned, therefore. It is hoped that bandits have left only to avoid the possibility of a surprise attack by the Chinese military.

Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, the owners of the Slang Tan, have met with other difficulties regarding the payment of the ransom. The Bank has informed the agents that it has been unable to obtain a tax stamp for the notes required for ransom. The total amount demanded is, therefore, not available, but the expedition will leave to-day with what money is available.

Sailings Suspended.

In view of the serious situation existing on the Yangtze in the Ichang region, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., have now suspended all sailings to Ichang for the time being. The danger of attack from the shore has increased alarmingly, and all vessels continuing the trip have been warned by the authorities to take special precautions against surprise at night.

Rear-Admiral Tweedie, now on board H.M.S. Bee, is on the way to Ichang and is expected to reach the town to-morrow while H.M.S. Mantis is also under orders to get to Ichang as soon as possible. The Chinese military have now stopped all communication between British merchant ships and the shore.

Yang Sen Leaves.

General Yang Sen, who promised to organise a party to attack the bandits, is stated to have left Ichang.

General Yang Sen's position in the affair, which has created excitement among ship's officers the whole length of the Yangtze, is rather curious. Capt. W. G. Lalor was held prisoner by his troops at Wansien when in command of the s.s. Wanliu last year. He was released in the face of point-blank fire by a British naval force. Apart from this, it is stated that General Yang Sen has put a price on the head of Capt. Lalor in connection with the sinking of a junk full of troops.

In view of the bandit threat to kill Capt. Lalor if any attempt is made to round them up, the present position is regarded as disquieting though serious fears as to his safety are not yet entertained. Every effort is being made to negotiate with the bandit chief for payment of the ransom and the release of the captive.

Naval Expedition.

Shanghai, Dec. 5. Communication which had been established by the naval authorities with Captain Lalor has been broken (Continued on Page 14.)

SINCERE COMPANY SUED.

PLAINTIFF FAILS TO APPEAR.

CASE STRUCK OUT.

In the Supreme Court this morning, before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, New Koon-wah, 14 Chung Ching Street, who sued the Sincere Company, Limited, 173 Des Voeux Road Central, for \$11,068, failed to appear, and on the application of Mr. F. C. Jenkin, who appeared for the defendants, the case was struck out of the Trial List.

The claim was for \$11,000, principal deposited with the defendants by the plaintiff, and \$68 interest at the rate of 20 cents per annum on the sum of \$6,000 from September 6, 1926, until the date of the claim. Also \$20 interest at the same rate on \$5,000 from October 27, 1926, to the date of claim.

When the plaintiff's name was called he failed to appear. Accordingly Mr. Jenkin asked that the case be struck out of the Trial List, and his Lordship granted the application.

GERMAN INDUSTRIAL TROUBLE.

DEMAND FOR LESS WORK AND MORE WAGES.

Berlin, Dec. 4. Trouble has arisen in the German iron and steel industry owing to the trade unions insisting on a decree by the Ministry of Labour providing for an eight-hour day being strictly executed from January 1, and also demanding an increase of wages.

The employers contend that the decree can only be carried out gradually, and an increase of wages is impossible without a 10 per cent. rise in prices, which will exclude the products from the world's markets; and they have threatened to close all the works on January 1, failing a compromise, which is regarded as very probable.—*Reuter*.

THE DISARMAMENT PREPARATIONS.

PRELIMINARY MEETING CONCLUDES.

London, Dec. 4. The session of the preparatory commission for the disarmament conference concluded with yesterday's meeting at Geneva.

February 20 was fixed as the date for the meeting of the security committee set up by the commission, and it was decided to hold the next session of the preparatory commission on March 15. Hopes were expressed that the disarmament conference would be held next year.—*British Wireless*.

THE LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN DEPARTS.

London, Dec. 4. Sir Austen Chamberlain, who left London yesterday for Geneva to attend the League Council meeting, which opens Monday, spent a few hours in Paris, and dined with the British Ambassador before proceeding by the same train as the French Foreign Minister, M. Briand.—*British Wireless*.

With reference to the instance of a reader, who tried our letter puzzle, arranging one himself, and going from the word "Drunk" to the word "Sober" in fifteen strokes, another reader writes to say that he has done the same. His example is: "Drunk, drunk, crank, clank, clank, class, crass, cross, crops, coops, corps, cores, crows, cower, sower, sober. He challenges anyone to do it in less. Incidentally, he found it easier to start from "Sober" and go to "Drunk." Perhaps others will find it the same.

COMING ATTACK.

SWATOW AS STARTING POINT.

CANTON PREPARATIONS.

The military and political situation in Canton and along the West and East River indicates rapid developments in the near future, according to a Chinese source.

The tension on the West River appears to have been relaxed to some extent. The latest troop movements there are as follows: The 12th Division of the "Ironsides" has occupied Takking, a city on the river, and probably Takking will be the first line of defence of the "Ironsides." Further up the river, the Kwangsi troops under General Wang Shao-hung, the deputy of General Li Chai-sum, have taken up positions at Dosing.

But, despite the concentration of troops of both sides, during the past few days, no definite reports of fighting taking place have come to hand. One explanation of the lull is that the Kwangsi troops are waiting for the decision of their chiefs, Generals Li Chai-sum, Li Chung-jen and Pei Chung-hsi, all of whom are now in the North. Opinion in well-informed circles is that the counter-attack will probably be started in about a week's time, indicated by the mobilising of troops on the East River belonging to Chan Chai-tong and Chien Ta-chun, followers and supporters of General Li Chai-sum.

From a private source it is suggested that Chan Chai-tong, the military chief of Swatow and vicinity, will be appointed by General Li Chai-sum to act as Commander-in-Chief of the armies in the eastern districts of Kwangtung, while the command of the troops in the southern part of the province will be in the hands of Tsu King-tong. General Wang Shao-hung, deposed by the "Ironsides" at the recent coup in Canton, will personally direct his Kwangsi armies on the West River.

A temporary Kwangtung Government, with Li Chai-sum at its head, will be established at Swatow, adds the same report. General Li has communicated with the former Commissioners of the Kwangtung Government, requesting the latter to come to Swatow, the site of the Kwangsi headquarters, and some who have received the invitation are preparing to go to Swatow shortly.

Attack On Kongmoon.

Another explanation of the relaxation of the West River tension is that the "Ironsides" have had a plan in their mind to despatch part of their troops on the West River to the south, to attack and capture Kongmoon, which is still in the hands of the followers of Li Chai-sum. The "Ironsides" will leave Shuihung, a city on the West River, en route to Kumli and Hoshan to attack Kongmoon.

Two days ago, two regiments under Hsieh Yo, one of the military leaders who suddenly joined hands with the "Ironsides," were seen leaving Canton and embarking for Kongmoon by way of Un-korsai, en route the Pig's Head Mountain.

The same report adds that the troops faithful to Li Chai-sum now stationed at Kongmoon have decided to abandon the city once the "Ironsides" attack in force.

The Canton Government has appointed Tse Ying-pak, the noted "Leftist" Commissioner of Labour Affairs, to act as Commander-in-Chief of the "Ironsides" in southern Kwangtung.

The "Ironsides" in the West River districts will be under the command of General Wang Ki-cheung, the acting Commander-in-Chief of the "Ironsides," with Mau Pei-nan as Wang's assistant. Mau is the director of the 12th Division.

The above appointments were made by order of the Canton Military Council, the highest military authority at Canton now functioning.

Vessels arriving from Canton report that General Chang Faw-kwai is commanding steam launches for the conveyance of troops to Samshui. Many two-boats are remaining outside the port owing to these rumours.

THE VOLUNTEERS IN CAMP.

NEW SIGNAL SECTION IN OPERATION.

MOBILE RADIO STATIONS.

The first of the season's annual camps of four days, for members of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, commenced last Friday, at Fanling, and will conclude to-night. Well over 100 men went out on Friday and Saturday, comprising units from all branches of the Corps except the Artillery, and very useful exercises were carried out, and are being continued to-day. Although a large number of men returned last night, there are still many who are doing the full four days in camp.

The weather has been all that could be desired, and most of the Volunteers have no doubt benefited by the change to several days of healthy exercises in the open air. The longer camp has also enabled the instructors to put in better training programmes, from which the greatest good should result.

Of particular interest at the present camp has been the new Signal unit of the Volunteers, which consists of the old signals section of the Engineer Company as a nucleus, and specialises in the "flag wagging", lamp mousing, and other activities associated with signallers, besides having a special wireless section that is being developed to a high stage of efficiency. In use for practical training, over the week-end, has been the new motor-lorry specially built for the Signals, to carry their wireless apparatus, and form a mobile unit, by means of which one station can be shifted to all parts of the country, telescopic masts erected wherever convenient, and in a short time communication be established, either by buzzer or by radio telephone, with the fixed station at camp, headquarters, or wherever else it may be established.

The mobile section is carried in a Morris 25 cwt. truck, which has been adapted for the use to which it is being put. The body was built by the Kowloon-Canton Railway workshop, and is of steel plates, making it practically bullet-proof. On either side are carried the sections of the wireless mast, and in the interior are stowed away, in their proper compartments, the guy-ropes, pulleys, pickets, masts, "earths," and other paraphernalia requisite for the speedy erection of a portable radio station, besides the receiving set, transmitter, generator, batteries, and incidental apparatus. There is seating accommodation for nine men inside, and a seat by the driver, so that in all eleven individuals can be comfortably carried.

In demonstrations carried out at camp, the mobile section was able to erect its station and get into working order within an hour, and with further practice this time should be considerably shortened. One station was set up at Fanling camp, and the other was transported to convenient sites as occasion offered, the spot chosen on Saturday being on a small hill near Pingshan, and yesterday on level ground at Kwant. It is hoped to expand this section as more men join. It offers a very good opportunity for radio enthusiasts to contribute towards the defence of the Colony, as well as to obtain practical training, and new recruits will no doubt be welcomed at headquarters.

AUSTRALIAN STRIKE OUTLOOK.

HOPES OF AN EARLY SETTLEMENT.

Melbourne, Dec. 4. The outlook in the waterside dispute has improved as a result of Senator McLachlan's conference with all parties.

A proposal is being submitted to the arbitration board to-morrow providing that the overtime strike be called off, and that the waterside workers resume work on the former conditions.

The arbitration court will immediately consider the contentious clauses in the last agreement.—*Reuter*.

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"RED" CONSULATE.

SHANGHAI'S GROWING INDIGNATION.

AIMS OF THE COMMUNISTS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Nov. 28.

The distinction of being too much in the spotlight is a somewhat doubtful advantage, as the local Soviet agents are now finding out to their cost. They have contrived to draw so much attention to themselves that they are finding the glare of the fierce light of publicity not a little blinding.

The first evidence of this is seen in the belated denial just issued through the "Tass" News Agency in which the Consul-General of the U.S.S.R. warmly contradicts the widespread reports relative to the projected shipment to Shanghai from Vladivostok of an armed Red detachment, ostensibly to defend the Consulate from possible repetition of what it is pleased to describe as "bandit attacks."

A good deal of ambiguity lurks in the foregoing disclaimer because it will be observed that the Consulate, in its declaration, is careful in stating that it is not bringing out an armed detachment. If this is affirmed with a certain amount of mental reservation, then it is not at all unlikely that the Soviet authorities here may be on the eve of importing unarmed men, since there is plenty of ammunition and arms stored in the basement of the Consulate to suffice for any detachment that may be coming here. The effect, in any event, will be the same.

There is another phase of the situation which is not a little significant. The denial purports to signify the present possibility of a recurrence of "bandit attacks." The Bolshevik Consulate has never been attacked by bandits. What really happened recently was a "White" demonstration—that was given an incentive by the Reds themselves to commit excesses and, according to some, there is internal evidence that it was even inspired by the Soviet officials so that they might fasten on an excuse to import armed men.

The People's Petition.

The ratepayers of Shanghai, proverbially apathetic in matters of civic significance, for once are abandoning their wonted indifference and are rallying like one man to the call to sign the petition that has been framed urging the Consular Body, the Municipal Council and the local Chinese authorities to compel the Soviet Consulate to withdraw from the International Settlement and seek new pastures whereon to browse.

Rarely has this class community been roused to such a high pitch of indignation as in the present instance. At the time of writing, there is a steady stream of residents at newspaper offices, clubs and other places where copies of the petition are available for signature. Signatures, representing no fewer than 30 different nationalities, are being affixed to the "document," and this overwhelming imprimatur of the international community will be an accession of strength to the authorities for appropriate action to be taken consistent with the surrounding circumstances and with the safety and welfare of the Settlement.

The realities of the situation with regard to the Communist Consulate must force the inevitable conclusion, even on the Soviet agents themselves, that it has become difficult for them to stay in the Settlement. The community naturally feels a sense of outrage at the overt manner in which the agents of Moscow have tried to tamper with the orderly processes of government in the International Settlement and are scarcely disposed to brook this intolerable state of affairs much longer, especially after the sensational revelation, made in the course of a trial at the Provisional Court the other day, that the Soviet Consulate was paying directly to one small group of labour agitators the sum of \$1,000 for each factory strike that they succeeded in fomenting. It is quite evident that the Consulate has manoeuvred itself into an impossible position.

Police Gallantry.

Next to the Soviet Consulate problem, in point of public interest, (Continued on Page 5.)

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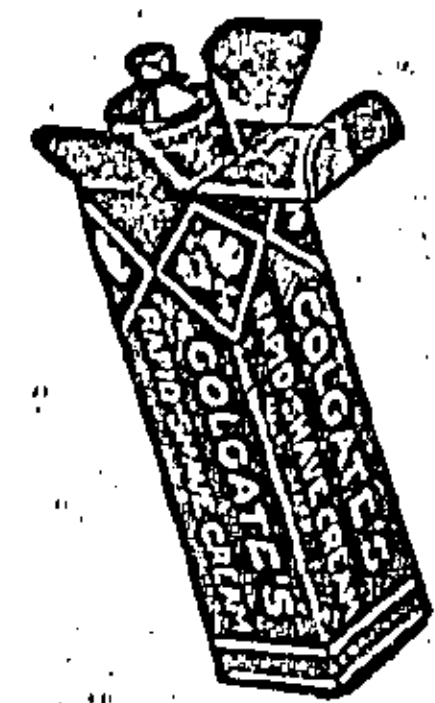
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EXTRADITION CASE.

CANADIAN BROUGHT FROM
CHILE.

Moneys to the value of over £2,000 are involved in a fraud alleged to have been perpetrated by Richard Charles Williams, alias Charles Puig, alias Charles Stone (31), a native of Quebec, Canada, who appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy at noon on Saturday.

The defendant was extradited from Chile and brought to the Colony by the s.s. Fushimi Maru on Friday.

His Worship summoned the defendant in the usual manner and after calling out the name, and aliases, the defendant was asked, "Do you admit the aliases?"

The defendant: That's quite possible.

His Worship then read the charges to the accused, pleas not being taken, but the defendant was asked if he understood the indictments and he replied that he did.

The Charges.

There were three charges relating to fraud and were that he, (1) On the second day of December, 1926, at No. 4A Des Voeux Road, Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong did by false pretences, obtain £502.62 in local currency, and chattels or valuable securities, to wit, ten travellers cheques Nos. 214,170 to 214,179 both inclusive for £5 sterling each, and 40 travellers cheques Nos. 341,257 to 341,296 both inclusive, for £10 sterling, each issued respectively by the American Express Co., Inc. of No. 65, Broadway, New York, in the United States of America with intent to defraud;

(2) On the second day of December, 1926, at No. 4A Des Voeux Road Central in this Colony feloniously did utter, knowing the same to have been forged, a certain forged valuable security, to wit, one Letter of Credit purporting to have been issued or favoured by the Banque Imperiale Ottomane at Jerusalem for an amount not exceeding £2,000 sterling with intent to defraud; and

(3) On the second day of December, 1926, at No. 4A, Des Voeux Road, Central, feloniously with intent to defraud, did demand and/or receive certain moneys and certain securities for money, to wit, a sum of H.K. \$502.62 and 50 travellers cheques issued by the American Express Co., Inc. of which ten were of the value of £5 each and 40 were of the value of £10 each, by virtue of a certain false instrument, to wit, a forged Letter of Credit purporting to have been issued by the Banque Imperiale Ottomane at Jerusalem in your favour for sums not exceeding in the whole £2,000, knowing the same to be forged.

The name of Geoffrey Phillip Lammert appeared on the charge sheet as the complainant.

Mr. Jenkin to Prosecute.

Mr. C. E. Hugh-Jones appeared for the prosecution, and Detective Inspector Reynolds watched the case in the interests of the Police. The defendant was unrepresented.

Mr. Hugh-Jones said that Mr. F. C. Jenkin would be conducting the prosecution and he (Mr. Hugh-Jones) thought they should be ready to proceed about Wednesday next week. They were awaiting certain expert evidence from Mr. Dovey.

In reply to his Worship Mr. Hugh-Jones said that the case would probably take more than one full day in the Police Court. There was, however, no particular hurry to finish the case for the forthcoming Sessions as the prosecution was still waiting for evidence from London.

His Worship said that he would formally remand the defendant for one week and then fix a day sometime the following week.

Defendant's Name.

Mr. Hugh-Jones mentioned that the name by which the defendant

UNUSUAL CASE.

PORTUGUESE CHARGED WITH
THEFT OF GAS.

A Portuguese clerk, named A. A. Remedios, was charged on remand before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy on Saturday with stealing gas by means of a trick and with making false entries in the account books of his employers.

Mr. R. A. Wadeson, prosecuted on behalf of the Hongkong Gas Co., and Mr. Leo d'Almada Sr. appeared for the defence.

Mr. Lindsell asked if the case would take long and Mr. d'Almada replied, "I really don't know how many witnesses my friend intends calling, but I shall subpoena at least a dozen."

Mr. Wadeson intimated that he also would be calling a number of witnesses.

Mr. d'Almada: Has your Worship a copy of the amended charge? I submit at this juncture that it is still insufficiently worded.

Seven years are involved, but there is no mention of the amount of gas that we are alleged to have stolen. They can measure gas in cubic feet.

Mr. Lindsell: How on earth can they know in this particular case?

Mr. d'Almada: They must if they prefer a charge of false pretences. The same remark applies to the theft of gas.

His Worship noted the objection and remanded the case till Friday morning, bail being allowed in the sum of \$500.

WORLD CRUISE.

EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA
FROM NEW YORK.

The Canadian Pacific Round the World Cruise 1927-1928, commenced on Friday last from New York at noon by s.s. Empress of Australia. Christmas will be spent in the Holy Land, New Year's Eve in Cairo and cherry blossom time in Japan.

Hongkong will be visited on February 10 next, and after a three day stay the vessel will proceed to Shanghai.

Ports visited prior to arrival here will be Madeira, Gibraltar, Algiers, Monaco, Naples, Haifa, Port Said, Suez, Bombay, Colombo, Padang, Batavia, Singapore and Manila. From here the points of contact are Shanghai, Chinwangtao, Bannu, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, Hilo, San Francisco, Balboa, Cristobal, Havana, and arrival at New York on Thursday, April 12, the cruise having a duration of 183 days at a minimum fare of \$6,180.

would be known in the proceedings would be Puig.

His Worship asked if Puig, one of the defendant's aliases, was wrong, and Mr. Hugh-Jones replied that that should have been Puig. The mistake was due to the difficulty of understanding the defendant's hand writing.

His Worship inquired whether Mr. Hugh-Jones desired the name Puig altered to Puig in the charge sheet but Mr. Hugh-Jones said he thought it would be more satisfactory to add the name of Charles Puig as an additional alias.

Inspector Reynolds mentioned the matter of bail to Mr. Hugh-Jones, who told his Worship that he would oppose bail being allowed. The accused had been extradited from Chile, where he had made two attempts to escape, and he had made two other attempts on his way to Hongkong. On this ground, Mr. Hugh-Jones opposed bail.

His Worship gave instructions to Inspector Reynolds to afford the defendant every facility for engaging and interviewing Counsel whilst in custody, and added that the C.D.I. could tell Counsel not to make any application for bail as he (his Worship) was not prepared to grant it.

The defendant was remanded till Saturday, December 10, at 10 a.m.

HONGKONG TRADE.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
FORTNIGHTLY REPORT.

The fortnightly market report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce states:

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—Very little enquiry about and no bookings to report. The latest quotations are those of the 29th ult. Eg. Sakel 17.85d. Mid. Amer. "Spot" 10.92d.

Cotton Yarn.—Since our last report market has remained unchanged and only small sales have been effected, at a reduction of \$4/5 per bale.

Nominal quotations are as follows:—No. 10s. \$165/\$185. No. 12s. \$170/\$185. No. 16s. \$190/\$195. No. 20s. \$195/\$200.

Arrivals Nil. Shipments Nil. Sale 200 bales.

Unsold stocks 3,600 bales. Bargains 10,300 bales.

Woollens.—Market dull. Some enquiry for Union Coatings for quick shipment, but poor bookings.

Raw Cottons.—Nothing doing.

Metals.—Several hundred tons of mild steel bars have been sold at \$3.88.

Wire Nails.—Wire nails have been booked at \$7 to \$7.05.

Lead.—Some business done.

Tin Plates.—Business done; upward tendency.

Window-glass.—Very dull market.

Salt-petre.—Market still dull and no demands from interiors.

Flour Market Report.—Stock: American, 400,000 bags; Canadian, 120,000 bags; Australian, 10,000 bags. Total 530,000 bags. Market: Unchanged. Quotations: American Patent, \$4.25-\$4.35 per sack; American Straight, \$3.05-\$3.35 per sack; American Cut off, \$3.05-\$3.50 per sack; Australian No. 1, \$3.50-\$3.70 per sack; Canadian Cut off, \$3.05-\$3.20 per sack; Canadian Straight, \$3.00-\$3.05 per sack; Canadian Mixture, \$2.90 per sack; Canadian 2nd Clear, \$2.80 per sack; Canadian Low quality, \$3.06 per sack.

OBITUARY.

FUNERAL OF MRS. H. R. RIX.

The funeral of the late Mrs. H. R. Rix of Ipoh took place at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon, there being a large attendance of local cricketers and sportsmen. The Rev. W. R. Cannell of St. John's Cathedral officiated.

Among those present were the deceased's husband, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, who was accompanied by H. E. the Governor's A. D. C. Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer, Messrs. T. E. Pearce, E. W. Hamilton, H. A. Nisbet, L. S. Greenhill, J. Scott Harston, Capt. Dobbie, Lieut. Dale and many others.

Wreaths were laid on the grave from the following: "Roddy," "Father Joyce," "Bridget and Denys," "Harry," Sidney and Birtine Rix, His Excellency and Lady Clementi, the Hon. Mr. and W. T. Southern, the Hon. Mr. A. N. Kenion, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lindsell, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. and Mrs. Braddell, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Greenhill, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hynes, Mr. and Mrs. R. Alwen, Mr. and Mrs. George Grimble, Mr. and Mrs. H. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Dunnet, Mr. and Mrs. F. Syme Thomson.

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BANKRUPTCY LAW.

SEVEN PER CENT. ASSETS
NOT SUFFICIENT.

The question was again brought up for consideration in Bankruptcy Court on Saturday as to the definition of "substantial assets for division amongst the creditors."

It originated from an application by the Official Receiver (E. L. Agassiz) for an order annulling the adjudication of Chan Ting-Cheuk as a bankrupt, the application being based on the ground that the assets receivable in the case, amounting to \$11,843, were not or would not be substantial for division amongst the creditors, whose claims amounted to \$108,429.

In giving judgment, the Chief Justice (Sir H. C. Gollan) received Mr. Davidson's argument that the matter of insufficiency of assets must be taken to have been concluded when the receiving order was made, and should not be re-opened unless it was shown that the Court was misled at the time. There being not this question of fraud involved, Mr. Davidson had further stated that, regardless of the proportion which the assets might bear to the liabilities in the case, the sum of \$11,000 collectable by the creditors was substantial, and one which was certainly acceptable in the place of nothing at all.

Previous Judgment.

His Lordship, however, did not agree with Mr. Davidson in his two points, but concurred with Mr. Justice Wood in a recent judgment by the Puisne Judge which reads as follows:—"In deciding whether assets available for division among the creditors are substantial or not, the Court should have regard to the proportion borne by the liabilities of the assets in each case. Where the expected dividend for each creditor would certainly be a negligible amount in each case it would be a right exercise of discretion to refuse the order."

While expressing his accord with this judgment, His Lordship said it was difficult to lay down a general principle for discussion as to what was or was not a negligible dividend, as each case must depend on its circumstances. But he was of the opinion that a dividend yielding at the most 7 per cent. could not be regarded as substantial assets for division amongst the creditors. The adjudication of the debtor bankrupt in the case therefore must be annulled, and the order given as asked for by the Official Receiver.

His Lordship concluded that, speaking generally, no assets could be considered as substantial unless they amounted to a sum capable of securing 10 per cent. or more amongst creditors.

Bargaining.

Mr. Davidson then applied for a suspension of the order, as certain negotiations were being made in an endeavour to bring up the assets to the amount necessary.

His Lordship: I must say that I don't like this bargaining with the Court. Have you any objection, Mr. Official Receiver?

Mr. Agassiz having no objection, his Lordship said: Very well then, but I don't quite like this, waiting to see which way the cat jumps first.

Order for suspension of judgment for a fortnight was made.

In the case of Fung Tat-hang, who applied for an adjudication order the Official Receiver stated that the necessary majority for the application was obtained at a meeting of the creditors on November 29.

The application was granted, the Official Receiver being appointed Trustee.

DRUG TRAFFICKERS.

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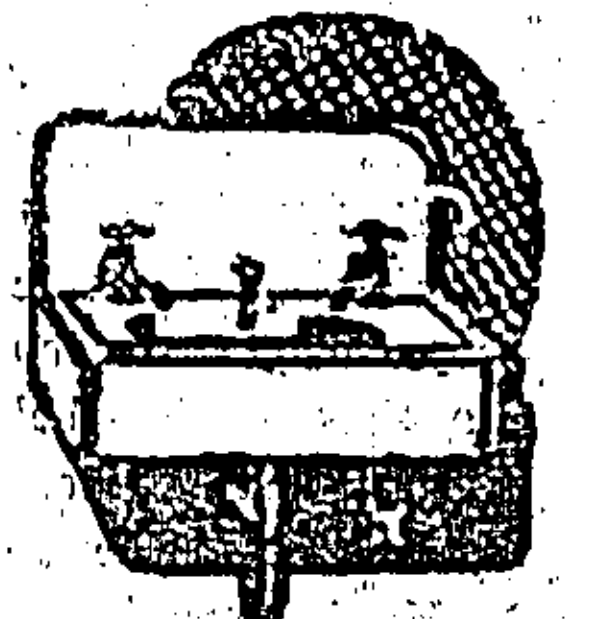
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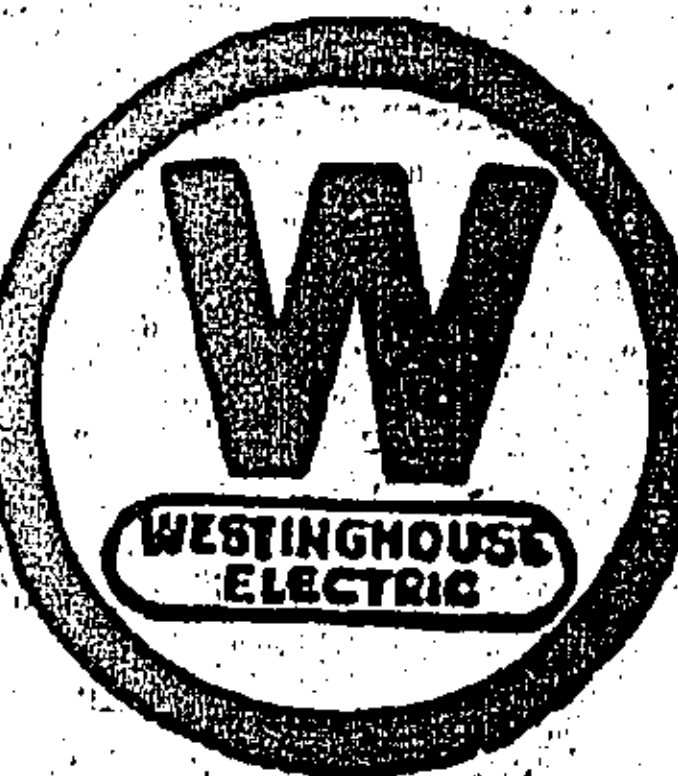
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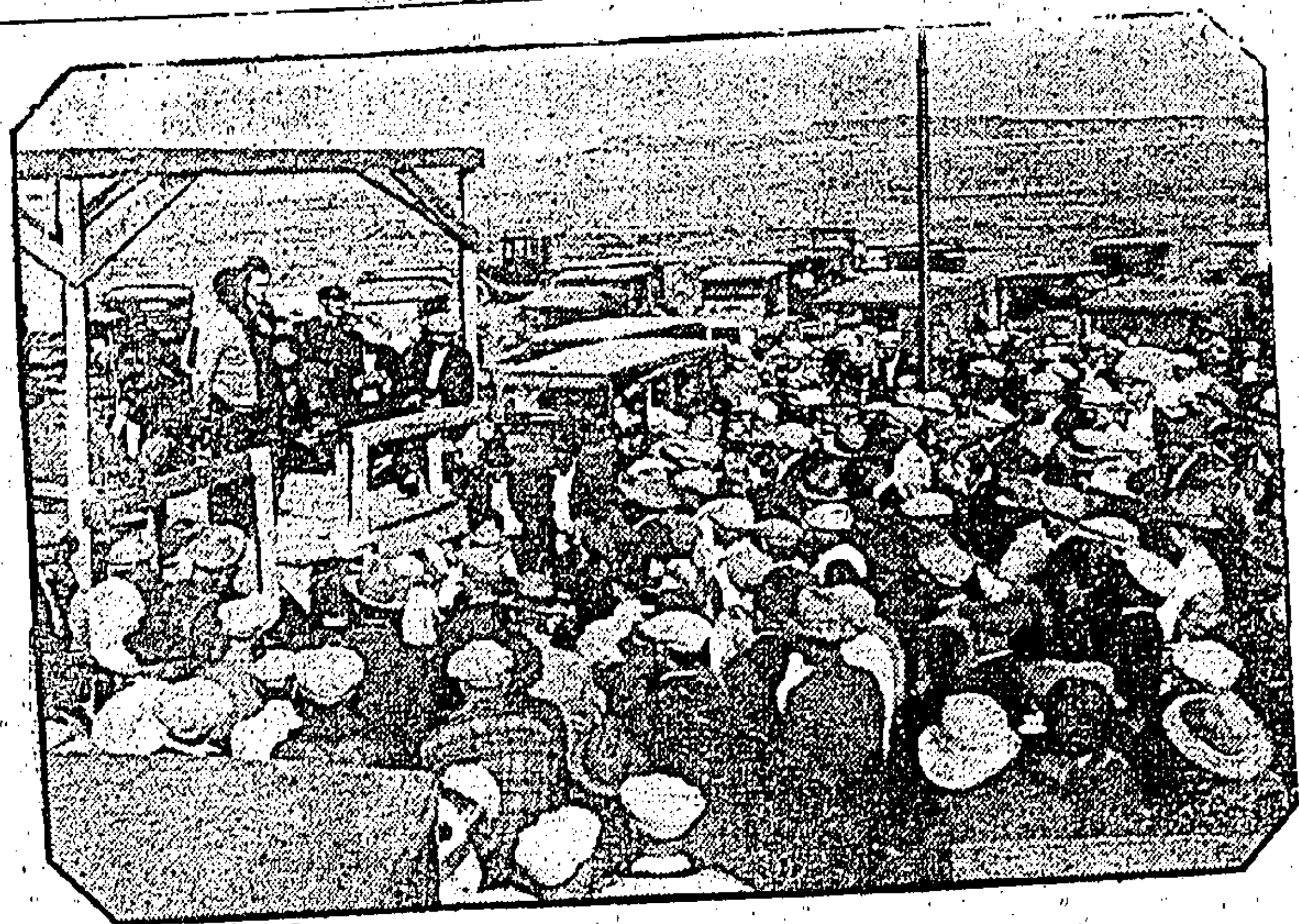
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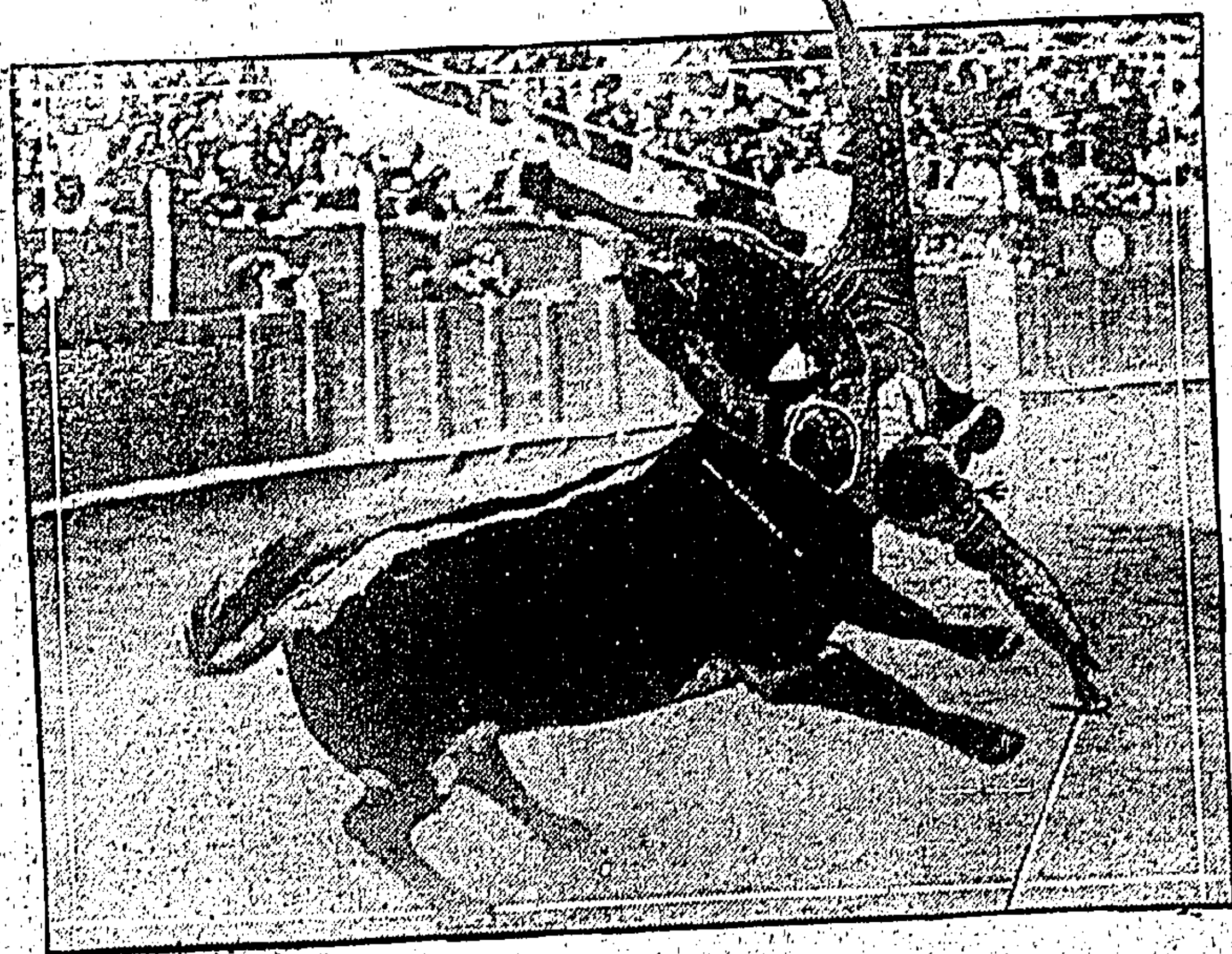
PLAY AT FRENCH POLICE CLUB.—On the occasion of the opening of the New French Police Club, at 229 Avenue Dubail, Shanghai, a comedy entitled "Mais n'a-t-on donc pas toute nue," was given. Left to right: Messrs. Raimond, Avazeri, Pellen, Mme. Cormier and Mr. Mouren.



AMERICAN JURY POSES.—This is the jury which is to decide the guilt or innocence of Albert B. Fall and Harry Sinclair at the Washington oil conspiracy trial. Front row, left to right: Charles Holmes, bricklayer; Mrs. Anna Bailey, clerk; Miss Bernice Henton, instructor; Conrad Herzog, salesman, and John Kern, baker; middle row: Edward Kidwell, leather worker; Gardner Grenfell, electrician; Norman Glascock, plumber, and Bradner W. Holmes, floorwalker; and rear row: William Goucher, manager, Robert Flora, salesman, and John Costinet, tailor.



COLORADO MINE STRIKERS.—A meeting of striking miners at Ludlow, Colorado, is pictured above. It was at this meeting that plans were made for a picketing invasion of the southern coal field, which recently resulted in a riot, the shooting of several strikers by police, and the declaration of martial law.



DEATH OF A MATADOR.—Death coming a-hoof to Felix Merino, one of Spain's most celebrated matadors, is pictured in this extraordinary photo from the Madrid arena. It depicts the instant the infuriated animal caught the momentarily unwary toreador on his horns and tossed him into the air. Merino was then fatally trampled and gored.



WINNER IN NORTH.—While Hawk, with Mr. Brand up, ran second in the Grand National Steeplechase at the Shanghai Race Club, after a stirring race with Buster II the winner. Picture shows While Hawk being led in.



PLUCKY GIRL SWIMMER.—An ideal old-fashioned girl, Mercedes Gleitz, athlete, pictured here in her swimming suit and enjoying a pair of oars on the Serpentine. She swam the Channel successfully, but failed on a subsequent attempt, following Dr. Logan's hoax.



RECENT SHANGHAI WEDDING.—Mr. George A. Scott and Miss Beatrice L. Morley, after their wedding at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai. Both bride and bridegroom are connected with the China Inland Mission.



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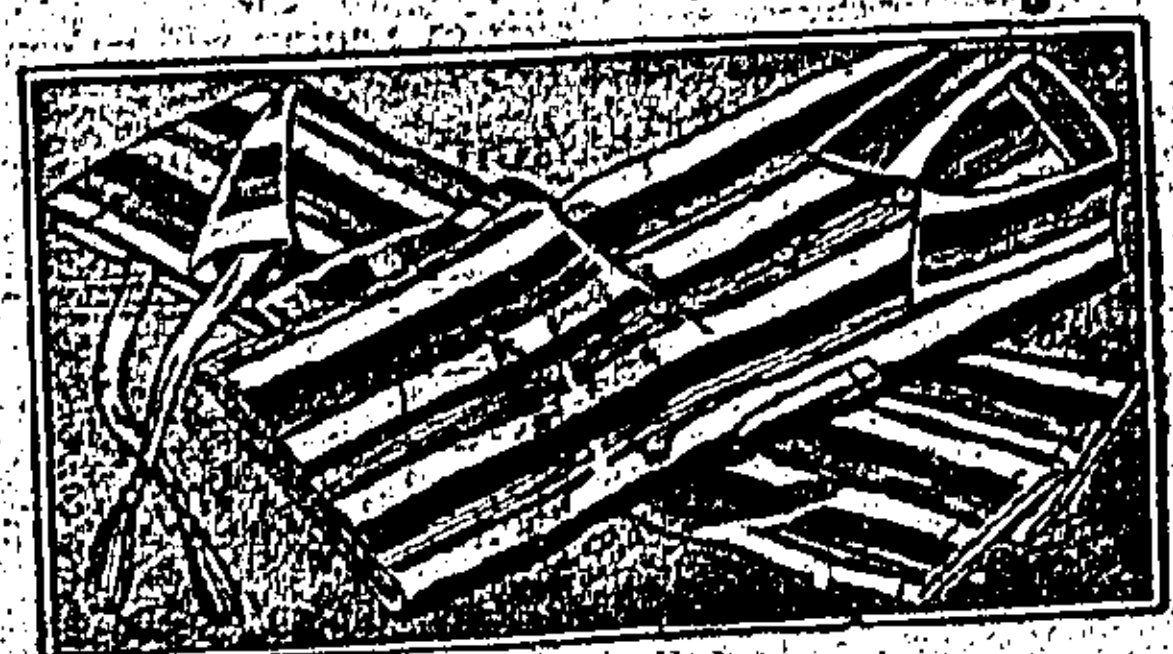
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A WOMAN AND HER RIGHTS.

ARGUMENT WITH A MAGISTRATE.

Mr. Hay Halkett, the Marylebone magistrate, refused to enforce an order of maintenance made by his colleague, Mr. Bingley, on the ground that the amount was too high, his object being to induce the woman, in whose favour it was made, to accept less.

The decision was arrived at on a summons taken out by Frederick Curd, an employee of the Hammer-smith Borough Council, against his wife, Gladys, of Bishops-road, Paddington, to reduce a maintenance order of 30s. a week, made by Mr. Bingley last year, on the ground that his earnings were only £2 18s. a week.

Mr. Hay Halkett said he certainly thought the order should be altered, because it was monstrously high having regard to the man's earnings, but as his circumstances had not changed since the order was made he had no power to reduce it. He suggested that the wife should accept £1 a week.

At the suggestion of the magistrate, the husband agreed to give her 25s., but his wife said she could only just manage on 30s.

Mr. Hay Halkett: I will not enforce the order, or enable you to get it. You cannot get blood out of a stone. I will bring you to your senses in time.

The clerk urged the woman to be reasonable, but the magistrate remarked, "Of course she won't be."

"It seems to me," said the woman, "that you are against women and for men."

Mr. Hay Halkett repeated that he would not enforce the order unless she agreed to have it varied.

"Then I will take it to another court," declared the woman. "I will go to the High Court of Justice. I will have my rights."

Mr. Hay Halkett replied that she could not go to another court, and he again offered her £1 a week, but she refused, saying she had to pay 10s. a week rent.

Mr. Hay Halkett: It is your own fault. You should not pay such a high rent. I am not going to enforce an order like this; it is ridiculous.

The summons was dismissed.

THE LATE MRS. FORESTIER.

CONCLUSION OF THE INQUEST.

The adjourned inquest concerning the death of Mrs. E. T. Forestier, who was found fatally injured in her kitchen at 523 Avenue Haig, on November 2, was concluded on Tuesday in H. M. Coroner's Court, Shanghai, before Mr. I. T. Morris.

Dr. A. C. Macdonald said that he was called by Mrs. Pate, the neighbour, who discovered the crime. He entered the room and found deceased in a pool of blood. She was alive but unconscious. She had lacerated wounds on the left wrist, left forearm, the right forehead, and the right side of the neck and above the ear. The wound on the right side of the neck had severed the external jugular vein, while one of the blows on the head had involved the skull.

The Coroner said: "I find that Mrs. Forestier died at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, on November 6, 1927, as a result of injuries received on November 2, at the hands of a person or persons unknown. I might add that this inquest is the most distressing one I have ever had to hold and no one could have listened to the evidence of the various witnesses without a feeling of profound sorrow and deep sympathy for the deceased's family in their sad bereavement. I might also add that I hope the police will soon be successful in arresting the perpetrator of such a horrible and ghastly crime."

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His Excellency, accompanied by his A.D.C. and party, arrived shortly after the start, and remained throughout the game.

Mr. Welch, who travelled with the K.O.S.B. team as manager, was presented to the Governor.

Proceeding the start, the British and Portuguese National Anthems were played by the band present. Pipe Major Mackie of the K.O.S.B. played his team on to the field, and this was much appreciated by the crowd. Before the kick-off, bouquets were exchanged between the rival captains—Davy of the K.O.S.B. and Lt. Braganca of the Sporting Club. These bouquets were presented to Madame Barbosa at the conclusion of the game, which was very keenly contested and ended in a win for the visitors by a goal scored by Stock.

The visitors created a sensation when the half and full time scores were despatched to Hongkong by trained carrier pigeons. Lt. Braganca, the energetic captain of the Macao Sporting Club, was responsible for the splendid arrangements and entertainments accorded the visitors, who had a most enjoyable trip.

She refused, however, saying she could not live on that amount.

"Then I will not enforce the order," said the magistrate, "unless I get your sanction."

The wife said she could not work, and was simply asking for what was due to her.

At the suggestion of the magistrate, the husband agreed to give her 25s., but his wife said she could only just manage on 30s.

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Japan	Machnon	December 17.
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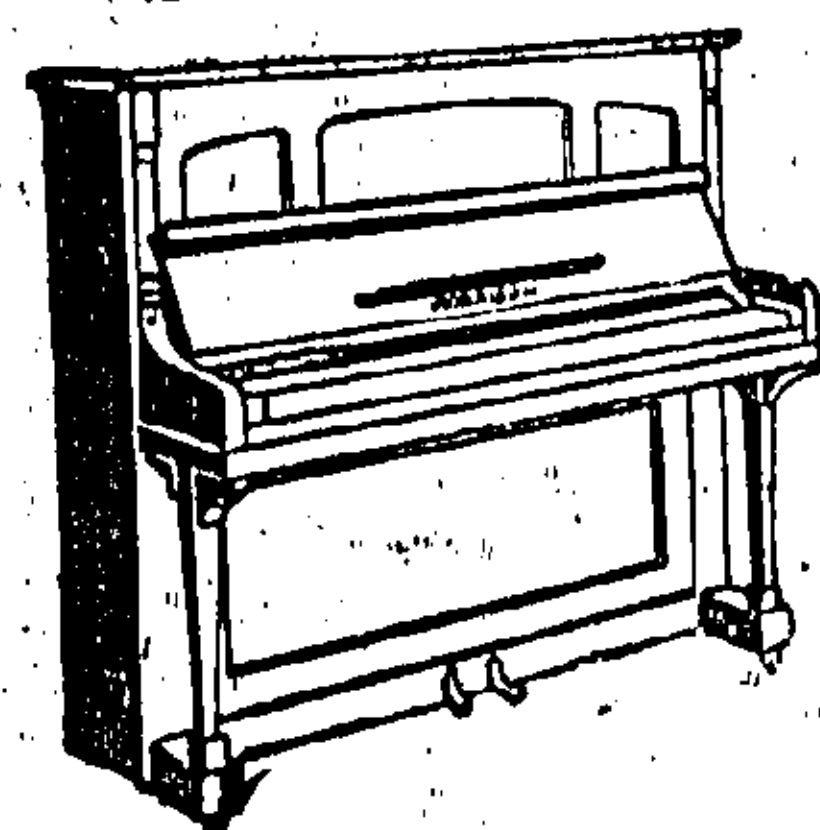
OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Amoy	Shantung	Mon., Dec. 5, 8.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Mon., Dec. 5, 4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Lee On	Mon., Dec. 5, 5 p.m.
Batung	Bintang	Mon., Dec. 5, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada and C.O. and S. America and Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Madison	Mon., Dec. 5.
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The Departmental Committee on shop hours, of which Sir Warren Mackenzie is chairman has met to consider its draft report. It will probably be found that a compromise agreement has been reached which, if adopted by the Government, will go far to meet the public demand for the removal of the restrictions on the sale of tobacco and sweets after 8 p.m. Reports in circulation to the effect that all the restrictions will be made permanent without modification are not accurate.

"RED" CONSULATE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

is the series of daring raids that have latterly been effected by members of the Police Force on armed robber dens. The whole town is talking about the heroism of Detective-Sergeant Henton, who exacted, in terms of almost poetic justice, swift retribution for the dastardly murder of a Chinese constable by four outlaws as he was about to effect their apprehension.

Detective-Sergeant Henton's heroic action, in breaking single-handed into a house where a robbery with violence was being perpetrated and shooting dead three robbers, has come at a most opportune time when, by reason of the crime wave sweeping over Shanghai, the fair name of the Municipal Police Force has been besmirched by certain interested parties, with an axe to grind, who have caused unpleasant insinuations of police inefficiency to float around in order to damage the prestige of the foreign administration of Shanghai.

Wealthy Chinese residents, with jumpy nerves, have been led to believe that the boasted superiority of foreign administration was greatly over-rated in view of the daily kidnappings and armed robberies going on. Detective Henton's bold transaction, however, as well as similar bravery on the part of Inspector Mills and other police officers, have furnished a complete vindication both of the efficiency and bravery of the local Force, which can compare favourably with the police system in some of the world's largest cities without fear and without reproach. One constructive lesson for the Chinese community emerges from these abortive armed robberies which have been so effectively frustrated by the police. In each case, the cry for assistance, at the crucial moment, has greatly aided the police, and it is to be hoped this will embolden other Chinese to abandon timidity.

The Storm After the Calm.

A wag from the United States, who has been sojourning in Shanghai for the period of twelve months, has found that brief span of time sufficient to bring him to the conclusion that things in this country do not "stay put." And in spite of the flippant and facetious character of that ejaculation, who can dispute the cogency of his conclusion?

After a full following, the anti-Communist operations in April last, labour troubles in the territory have revived and the situation has again become serious. Communist and other subversive elements, responsible for this change for the worse, besides urging the labourers to rebel against the local Chinese authorities, have advocated the seizure of factories, banks and other institutions and the restoration of the Shanghai Labour Union, an extremist organisation. In the prosecution of all of which, the cult of assassination has been invoked to their aid as the most effective instrument of organized lawlessness against society.

So far as can be gathered, the avowed aims of the Chinese Communist Party, which, incidentally, is as much against the Kuomintang as against the foreigner, appear to include:

- 1.—The arming of all workers.
 - 2.—The overthrow of the Nanking, Peking, Wuhan and Canton Governments.
 - 3.—The dissolution of all Labour Unions and peasants' organisations formed under the auspices of the Kuomintang.
 - 4.—The incitement of people not to pay rents or taxes.
- Small wonder that the Chinese Garrison Commander has issued a gravely worded proclamation forbidding strikes and agitation, on pain of severe penalties, when we remember that gold and silver medals are being offered as a fitting reward for murder.

COMING OF WORLD TEACHER.

ADDRESS BY LOCAL THEOSOPHIST.

At Sunday's meeting, of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society, at Lane Crawford's Restaurant, Mr. H. E. Lanepart gave an address on "The Coming of the World Teacher." He said that for some time past there has been growing, in many widely different parts of the world, the belief that the time is near at hand for the coming of a great Spiritual Teacher. The conviction is spreading that mankind, as on other occasions in the past, has reached the end of a definite age or period in its cyclic history, and that a new age, a new cycle is about to open, destined to bring with it a general re-ordering of human life, and, as is usual at these critical points, a fresh influx of spiritual force for the shaping of the new era. And with this opening of a new chapter in human life on earth, many have been expecting the appearance among men of a mighty Spiritual Personality, the World Teacher, the Christ. That expectation has now to be realised: the World Teacher is here.

Founders of Religion.

Every religion acknowledges a founder of their faith, whom it rightly regards as a Teacher of the World. In the different religions different names are used for that great Teacher, but men do not often realise that under all the different names the same great Being, the One Teacher of the World, is hidden, who is the One Founder of all the great religions of the world, rising out over and over again in various epochs the same ancient basic truths, clad in a varying form adapted to the time, to the circumstances and to the general temperament and condition of the people among whom He appears—outer differences but an inner unity. He, the One World Teacher, ever teaches thus the old truths only in a new form, bringing to the fore always some special characteristic idea or particular aspect of divine perfection, which embodies itself not only in the religion, but also in the new civilisation which is based on the new revelation of the one truth. And we see in history a definite succession of these great religions, each one adding something to the knowledge, thought and gradual evolution of the human race, climbing, as it were, a great ladder of evolution, and a new spiritual impulse given to it from time to time, to take the next step on this spiritual ladder, by the appearance of that one mighty and Superhuman Being, the World Teacher, the Founder and Guardian of all the great religions.

New Human Race.

The World Teacher has appeared invariably at the birth of each branch-race of the Aryan root-race, to start it on its way by a new spiritual outpouring, as a basis for its new civilisation to be. He always comes in connection with a new human race, and that the new human race has appeared in the world, and is visible to-day in America, in Australia and New Zealand, is a fact recognised by scientists and ethnologists. Its special characteristics are not so much the powers of the mind, although they possess a keen intellect and great will-power, but especially the greatly awakened powers of the intuition. Besides the emergence of the new branch race, we see the signs of the coming of the World Teacher, the Christ, in the great changes in the world to-day in the awakening social conscience, the revival of mysticism, and the direct spiritual insight revolting against the dead letters, the tremendous spread of the ideas of human brotherhood, co-operation, world peace, the great seismic disturbances and floods on earth, and above all the great need

PARTNER'S CLAIM FAILS.

NON-SUITED IN COURT ACTION.

A Chinese plaintiff was non-suited by Mr. Justice Wood in the Summary Court this morning, when he admitted that he was a partner in the firm which he was suing.

The plaintiff was Lam Lai Sang, alias Lam Sang, 161 Tung Choi Street, Mong Kok Tsui, and the defendants were the Sun Hop firm, of the same address, matched builders. The plaintiff claimed \$337.91, being as to \$101.10 balance of salary; \$33 money deposited with the defendants by the plaintiff on January 4, 1926; \$13.71 interest for 33 months at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum; and \$190 cash paid by the plaintiff for and on behalf of and at the request of the defendant firm. Mr. M. J. D'Alameda Remedios was for the plaintiff and the defendants did not appear.

The plaintiff gave evidence of having been employed in the defendant firm, and said the money deposited was his share for a partnership.

His Lordship informed the plaintiff that, one such partner could not sue another. The plaintiff would be non-suited.

ARMS MEANT FOR A BROTHER.

CHINESE WITH AMMUNITION FROM CANADA.

In the cabin trunk of a Chinese who arrived in the Colony recently, by a Blue Funnel boat from Canada, the police found, concealed, 493 rounds of revolver ammunition and 400 percussion caps.

The Chinese was this morning charged before Major C. Willson, with being in possession of the arms.

Explaining that the arms were meant for a brother in his native village, the man pleaded guilty, and asked for leniency.

His Worship ordered the arms to be confiscated, and imposed a fine of \$200.

A Chinese woman, living at No. 25, Hollywood Road, reported to the Police two days ago that her daughter, age 18, was missing, believed to have been enticed away by an unknown person. Learning that the girl had boarded the Kutsang for Singapore, the Police stopped the vessel near the Stonecutters and recovered the missing girl who was taken to the Central Station. The girl alleged that the woman who professed to be her mother was, in reality not and that she was going to her father who is in Singapore.

Four men, two of whom remained seated, refused to remove their hats while the National Anthem was being sung at a Birkenhead, Cheahre, Conservative meeting. A woman seized one man's hat and threw it on to the floor, but the man retrieved it and replaced it on his head. Amid some excitement the stewards removed the men's hats. Two of the men walked out later in the middle of aspeech.

of the world for a teacher and organiser greater than man, as the world to-day visibly has reached the end of an age, and a new age with its new dangers stands at the door.

He, the World Teacher, the Christ, has come again, is present in the world to-day, to build, not to destroy, to solve our problems with His infinite wisdom, and perhaps to save what is yet good in the present civilisation, instead of its being completely wrecked, as the great civilisations of the past have been.

LETTER GOLF.

YOU SHOULDN'T BLOW IT.

Here's one you shouldn't blow, from SHOE to HORN in par six strokes. Maybe you can better our example on this one.

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2.—You can change only one letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

THE QUEEN'S THEATRE PROGRAMME.

SCREENING OF "THE FLAMING FOREST."

A stirring story of the Canadian North West in the early seventies is unfolded in "The Flaming Forest," which is being screened at the Queen's Theatre for the last time to-day. The film has been made from the famous story by the late James Oliver Curwood, and has been excellently adapted to the screen.

The theme is easily noted, the scenes following each other smoothly, while the story itself is full of thrills, telling of the struggle of settlers and troops against the attacks of Indians, the leaders of whom seek to establish himself as the head of a republic. The photography is remarkably good, and the episodes realistic.

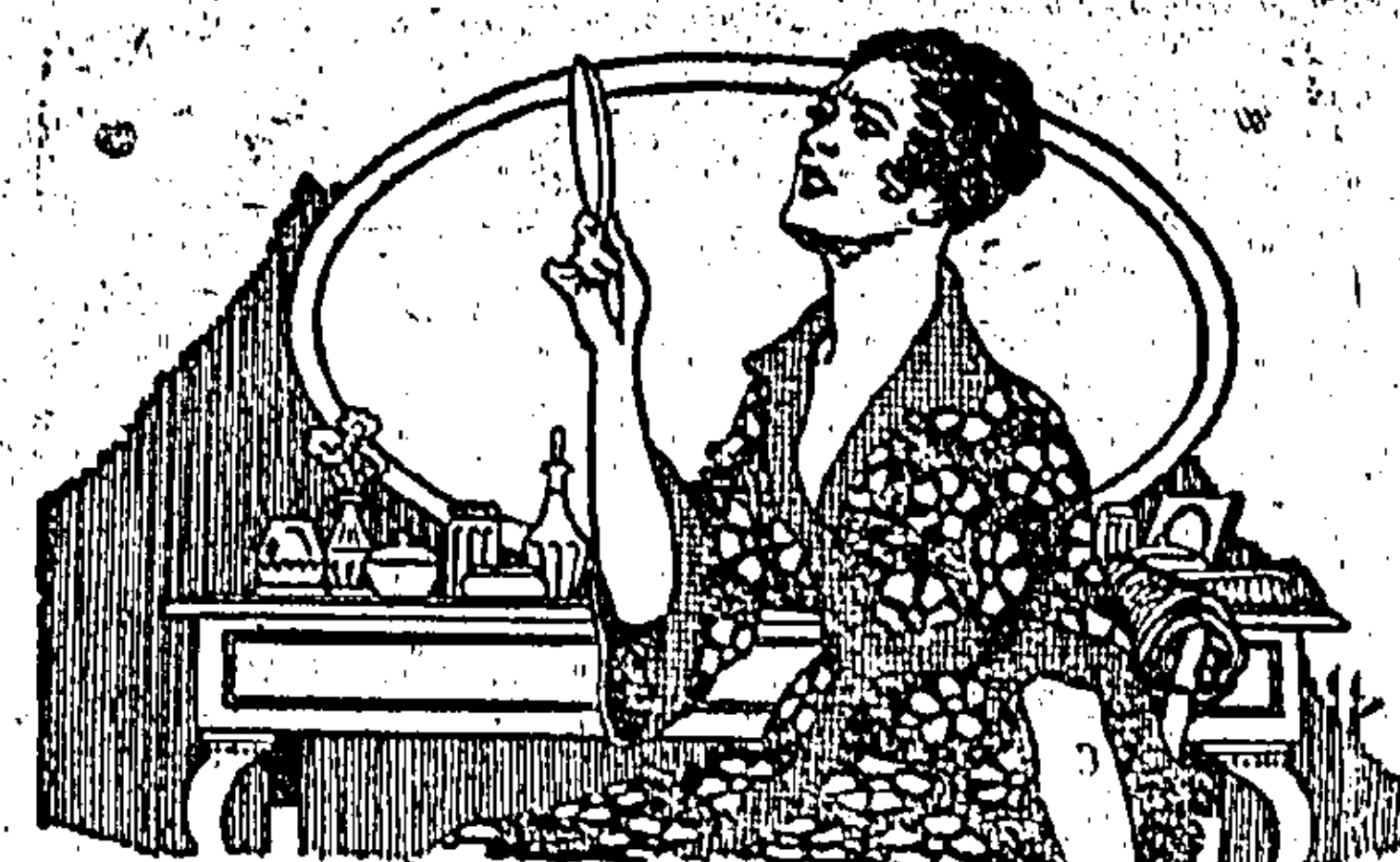
The cast includes no fewer than 20 noted players, the leading roles being taken by Antonio Moreno and Renee Adoree. Others include Gardner James, Oscar Beregi, Tom O'Brien, Bert Roach, Claire McDowell, Clarence Geldert, William Austin, and Mary Jane Irving.

"THE RAINMAKER."

A GOOD SCREEN STORY.

An interesting film, with exciting glimpses of the race-track is being screened at the World Theatre under the name of "The Rainmaker." It is adapted from Gerald Beaumont's story "Heavenly Bent," and is one which can be thoroughly recommended from the dramatic and sporting points of view.

In this picture Georgia Hale, who played the heroine with Charlie Chaplin in "The Gold Rush," is given the role of an ex-cabaret girl who saves the life of an injured jockey, paying the way to a romantic and exciting finish which has to be seen to be appreciated. Others appearing in the cast are Ernest Torrence and William Collier, Jr.



THE ANAEMIA OF THE FAR EAST.

How Pallid Faces and Bloodless Lips, With That Tiredness and Weakness Which Accompany Them Can Be Quickly Remedied.

After the long trying days of the hot season many people find themselves left thin and wan, devoid of appetite, conscious of a general enfeeblement of body and of spirits which cannot be shaken off by any force of will. Especially is this condition common among women and girls in their 'teens,' who by reason of their sex are prone to develop anaemia and when climatic conditions are unfavourable quickly suffer through irregularities of health.

It is a wise precaution now practiced by numbers of intelligent men and women to take a short course of tonic treatment immediately the hot season is over, for in this way the system is built up and placed in a condition to resist colds, rheumatism, malaria, the enfeeblement of digestion and those other maladies which follow on thinning and impoverishment of the blood. For many years

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A PEACEFUL COLONY.

Chinese intimidators have been extremely active in Shanghai of late, where a somewhat "tense" situation has existed for several weeks past. The interference with the tramway system, which has resulted in bloodshed, shows the extent to which these mischief-makers will go, but it is gratifying to note that the Shanghai authorities are fully alive to the situation and are taking stringent measures to deal with the position. Here in Hongkong, happily, we have been fairly free from intimidators' action for some time past, and this fact we largely owe to the vigilance of the Government in keeping on the alert with a view to circumscribing the activities of professional agitators.

Now and again, we have isolated instances of intimidation, such as the cases reported on Saturday in which agitators, wishing to create a strike at a knitting factory, went to the length of throwing corrosive acid on loyal women workers. Occasionally, also, we hear of incidents in which efforts are made to bring out workers in some of the Chinese industrial establishments, but these efforts are by no means very widespread. There has certainly been a marked improvement in the temper of labour in Hongkong during the past two years, due to a variety of causes, no doubt, but perhaps more than any other to a realisation of the point that the worker is generally the loser by paying heed to the foolish propaganda of the professional agitator. Again and again it has been proved that the strike agitators have no real desire to help the workers—their one aim is to feather their own nests. Many a worker in Hongkong has to rue the fact that he ever put trust in the glib promises of Labour Union officials. Another factor in the situation is that the authorities here have been concentrating on measures designed to nip Labour agitation in the bud, and, beneath the surface, a work of real value to the community has been done. There is also, we believe, a growing recognition, on the part of loyal workers, of the fact that they can rely on the Government to secure for them adequate protection against intimidators if they will only acquaint the police of any interference to which they may be subjected. This is a most hopeful

sign, for it encourages the right spirit amongst the Colony's workers—the feeling that so long as they are willing to discharge their obligations to their employers they can rest assured that everything possible will be done to see that they are not victimised by men who do no work themselves and seek to impose their wills on others.

When we consider the situation in many other parts of the East, and hear in mind the troublous times through which the Colony passed in 1925, we certainly have occasion to be thankful for present mercies. In the main, Hongkong industry to-day is able to count on loyal workers, and the Colony generally can feel assured that its native community is composed for the greater part of law-abiding and peace-loving citizens. In these regards, there is much cause for real satisfaction. But the point that must not be lost sight of is that things might have been far otherwise had it not been for the benefits and security which so many thousands of Chinese are able to enjoy under British rule.

The Visa Nuisance.

It was reported some time ago that Britain and Germany were negotiating for an agreement on the abolition of the visa as between these two countries, and that a settlement was likely. It is now announced that the agreement will shortly be promulgated formally. Thus will a step have been taken on the road towards abolishing one of the nuisances that has survived since the conclusion of hostilities. One recalls the halcyon days of travel before the war, when passports were not required by every little place, and a British subject was not pestered by officials of his own land, or in any part of the Empire, as now, to establish his bona fides. Admittedly, there is an improvement discernible since the Armistice, but it is not much of an advance over the old days of "Dora." One school of argument is able to put forward the very apt plea that there is less likelihood of danger to the realm, now that passports are required of everyone everywhere. The various police authorities are also, no doubt, pleased that it is so much easier to keep track of undesirable characters than before 1914. But the visa must remain in the category of a not exactly necessary nuisance. One would think that a passport would be sufficient evidence of identity, where such is required. Perhaps, as some unkind critics have suggested, the matter of visa fees has had much to do with the retention of this international requirement for all who travel, however innocent they may be. It is one of those sources of revenue which, once tapped, is not likely to be given up without a struggle. But there is growing evidence that even Governments are awakening to the unnecessary nature of visa impositions, except, perhaps, under special circumstances. Britain and Germany are setting an example which travellers in general must earnestly hope will soon be followed by the other nations.

GUN EXPLOSION.
TWO PEOPLE KILLED AT MACAO.

Two persons were killed and several injured in a gun explosion which occurred at Macao on Thursday when celebrations were held marking the day on which the Spanish domination was thrown off. Following old custom, it was arranged to fire a salvo of twenty guns from Monte Fort. When the first shot was fired, the gun casing at the breech burst, fragments being hurled in all directions.

The corporal in charge of the gun was killed instantly while a Chinese woman was fatally injured by a flying piece of metal which landed in her house. Another woman was injured, together with several of the gun crew. Some fragments of the burst gun did considerable damage to property.

H. E. the Governor, Senhor Artur Tamagnini Barboza, arrived at the fort soon after the accident and personally supervised the removal of the man whose injuries were considered serious. An operation was performed and it is thought that the man might recover.

All other celebrations were cancelled and no further shots were fired. The funeral of the corporal took place on the following afternoon with full military honours, the Governor and all the most important officials attending.

DAY BY DAY.

WE DO NOT COMMONLY FIND MEN OF SUPERIOR SENSE AMONGST THOSE OF THE HIGHEST FORTUNE.—*Jurnal.*

No case of notifiable disease was reported over the week-end.

The s.s. Empress of Russia arrived at Nagasaki on Saturday, and is due at Shanghai to-day.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Batavia on account of cholera.

The B.I. s.s. Garmula, which left Singapore on the 2nd instant, is due here on the morning of the 12th.

The E. and A. Company's s.s. St. Albans, which left Manila on Saturday, is due here this afternoon.

The P. and O. liner Morca, which left Singapore, yesterday, is due here at noon on the 8th instant.

An organ recital will be given by Mr. F. Mason in St. John's Cathedral on Tuesday, December 13, at 5.45 p.m.

An unidentified Chinese committed suicide by hanging himself from a tree on the hillside at Jubilee Road, during the week-end.

The Rev. H. C. Moyle is leaving on December 31. He will preach for the last time in the Cathedral on Christmas morning at 11 o'clock.

A Chinese lady passenger on the Hayan Maru has reported to the police the theft of a handbag containing money and jewellery to the value of \$266.

Cigarettes and some wine, to the value of \$186, has been stolen from the Bombay Cafe, according to a report made by the proprietor to the police during the week-end.

Amongst the passengers arriving this morning from Manila by the Empress of Canada were Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Staple, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. M. M. Mass and Mr. W. R. Mansfield.

Following a family quarrel, a Chinese fireman employed on one of the launches took opium, in an alleged endeavour to end his life. He was removed to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday.

We have received from The Pharmacy (Messrs. Fletcher and Company) a pretty calendar for the coming year. It depicts a very restful fireside scene, entitled "Flickering Shadows," and should have a wide appeal.

Amongst ship movements registered over the week-end were:—Sanning, slipped for bottom cleaning at Shamshui; Taming, arriving from Amoy, to Taikoo for overhaul; Wong Shek-kung, to Kowloon Dock for overhaul and refit.

The bodies of three men and one woman were recovered during the week-end off Saikung, and were identified as being those of Chinese who perished by jumping overboard to escape a fire on the Saikung ferry motor-boat a week ago, when on a picnic.

Mr. Johnson, living at No. 5, Bowen Road, has reported to the police the theft of property valued at \$220, from his residence. It was thought that the burglar entered through a door in the servants' quarters which was left open during the night.

The American steamer Las Vegas, arriving from Portland and Hakata, reports that in attempting to avoid two crossing junks when approaching Hongkong, she was in collision with one. Only minor damage was inflicted on the junk, which struck the Las Vegas a glancing blow on the starboard side.

A Chinese prisoner committed suicide by hanging himself on Sunday morning in the detention room in the Central Police Station. The discovery was made at about 5.30 in the morning and it was found that life was extinct. He was detained some time ago as a suspect in connexion with the Seymour Terrace robbery. The man tore up his trousers to make a rope.

The return of shipping which arrived and departed during the week-end gave 28 and 35 under the respective headings, with 10 and nine, respectively, British. This morning's figures, for the past 24 hours, were five arrivals and 12 departures, British four and two, leaving 63 vessels in harbour, British 25. Although British held the premier place in this morning's return, the heaviest inward and through cargoes were carried in the only vessel of other nationality. All passengers entered were in British vessels.

RETURNED BANISHEE CASES.

MAN WHO STOLE WHEN HE CAME BACK.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with the larceny of a quantity of wood from the Praya Reclamation, and also with returning from banishment.

Sub-Inspector Vincent, reading the defendant's criminal record, informed his Worship that the man was convicted on three occasions in 1926, and was subsequently banished for ten years.

His Worship imposed a sentence of nine months and twenty strokes for returning from banishment, and a further four weeks on account of the larceny.

To See Parents' Graves.

Another Chinese appeared before Major C. Willson charged with returning from banishment. The defendant was banished in 1921, following several convictions, and was forbidden the Colony for ten years. He was found in Hongkong two days ago. Sub-Inspector Vincent, prosecuting, asked for an exemplary sentence, and said there were five cases of returned banishees in two days.

The defendant pleaded guilty, but informed his Worship that he came to the Colony so that he could visit his parents' graves, and if possible remove the bones to his native home.

Sentence of eight months' hard labour was imposed.

CONFIDENCE TRICK SEQUEL.

WOMAN VICTIM'S RECOGNITION.

A man alleged to be a confidence trickster, who, by the well-known bank-note trick, succeeded in inducing a Chinese woman to part with a pair of gold-mounted bangles and a gold ring about a fortnight ago, was arrested yesterday by a Chinese detective when he was pointed out by the victim of the trick.

The woman recognised the man and demanded her jewellery back. The man refused, and on the woman shouting her demands, he took to his heels. A Chinese detective, learning the state of affairs, immediately pursued the man and had him arrested.

When charged before Major C. Willson this morning with the theft of the woman's bangles and ring, the man informed his Worship that he was working on the Peak at the time of the alleged offence.

His Worship adjourned the case for twenty-four hours in order to give defendant time to produce his witnesses.

ALLEGED FORGERY OF BANK-NOTES.

FOUR CHINESE CHARGED.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, four Chinese were charged in connexion with the alleged manufacture of a block purporting to reproduce an impression similar to a \$5 note of the Bank of China.

Of the four defendants, the first was charged with making marks and devices in connexion with the block, at the workshop of the Commercial Press, Limited, at Catchick Street, Kennedy Town. The other three defendants are said to have given the order for the block.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones appeared for the first and second defendants.

The hearing was fixed for Monday next. Acting Sub-Inspector Carey, representing the prosecution, indicated that by the date of the next hearing he would probably bring a further charge against all the accused.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Dec. 4.

Paris	124
New York	4.38 5/32
Brussels	34.89
Geneva	25.30
Amsterdam	12.07 7/8
Milan	89 3/4
Berlin	20 1/2
Stockholm	18.08
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.36
Vienna	34.61
Prague	104 5/8
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Madrid	23.87
Bombay	1/6 1/32
Shanghai	2/7
Hongkong	2/4
Yokohama	1/10 1/4
Lyons	2 7/16
Ashes	508 1/4
Bucharest	73 1/2
Rio	5 77/84
Silver (spot)	28 13/16
Silver (forward)	26 1/2

British Wholes.

The Very Idea!

A tourist was on his first visit to Japan, and a guide was trying to impress him with the magnitude and beauty of Kegon Falls in Nikko.

"Grand!" suggested the guide. The tourist did not seem impressed.

"Thousands of gallons a minute!" explained the guide.

"How many in a day?" asked the tourist.

"Oh, millions and millions," answered the guide.

The tourist looked down and up as if gauging the flow, and then turned away seemingly unimpressed.

"Runs all night too, I suppose?" he remarked nonchalantly.

The tribunal of St. Nazaire has just been the theatre of a novel strike, which proved completely successful from the strikers' point of view. The fourteen jury-men who had been called upon to sit in the Expropriation Court, which deals with claims for compensation for land requisitioned during the war by the State and the American troops, announced at the opening of the proceedings that they refused to serve, as they considered that their allowance of twelve francs per day for expenses was inadequate.

The Court, while admitting that the jury-men's claim was perfectly reasonable, pointed out that the law provided for the punishment of jurors who refused to do their duty. In this case, however, it was not found necessary to apply the provisions of the penal code, since it was arranged to pay each juror forty francs a day, half the cost to be met by the State and the other half by the local chamber of commerce.

Wife, complaining of her husband at Stratford: He has been away in an asylum for six months. Husband: And it is much quieter there than at home.

Magistrate at Willesden: I cannot understand a word the woman says. Policeman: She is Irish, Sir, and very deaf.

It was stated at Shoreditch County Court that a man was a year in arrears with his rent. Judge Cluer: Lucky to have managed that in these days.

Willesden wife: My husband spends his own money on himself instead of bringing it home to me.

"Now, children, what did the Romans do for the Britons?" "They civilised 'em, miss." "And how did they do that?" "They taught 'em how to fight."

At 78 I find life much the same as at 28.—Sir Edmund Gosse.

Beware of the Faddists; they are dangerous animals.—Sir James Orichton Browne.

Blues music has a sob in it and only the best bands can put it there.—Mr. Askew.

The most bored people I know are those who seek nothing but pleasure, for they soon get bored with life.—Mr. Lloyd George.

Girls who go about with skirts up to their knees, hair cut like a man's, and cigarette dangling from their lips ought to be smacked and put to bed.—Mrs. Sarah Collins (106).

When at Dromore (County Down) Petty Session Mrs. Scott, of Drumiller, was prosecuted for exporting stale eggs for sale her husband stated that he and his brother-in-law ate the two dozen eggs which had been rejected.

District Inspector Allen said he was glad to see that he was still alive and well.

Defendant was fined 20s. and costs.

A party went fishing in Lake Chuzenji.

"What did you catch?" we asked him next day.

"The 3.30 back to Tokyo" was the laconic reply.

Annie Marian Woods, a flower seller, charged at London Guildhall with assaulting James Wm. Lowman, Inspector in the service of the L.G.O.C. in Aldgate, and also a police constable, smilingly pleaded guilty.

The bus inspector said he was regulating the buses when he suddenly received a smack behind the ear, and turning round he saw defendant, who then gave him a ringing smack in the face.

The Alderman—Did it hurt you?

Witness—Well, not exactly, but coming so unexpected, it gave me a sort of shock.

The Alderman smiled, and the accused burst out laughing.

Asked what she had to say, she answered—Well, it was like this. I had a bad cold, and as I passed the busman and the policeman they laughed, and one of them said "Snuffy." Thinking they meant me, I got wild and smacked him round the clock. (Laughter.)

The Alderman—Well, I cannot overlook it, even if you did have a cold. You will be fined 10s., and allowed seven days in which to pay.

There will be a Corporate Communion for clergy on Saturday, December 17, at 7.45 a.m., in St. John's Cathedral.

SHANSI EFFORT.

SHORT-LIVED BID FOR GLORY.

A BITTER AFTERMATH.

Tatungfu became one of the storm centres of political strife in China at the end of September. Since the revolution in China in 1911-12, the Governor of the province of Shansi had managed to steer a middle course. He refused to join any of the political parties who have been contending for the control of China, and the whole of his attention was directed to the administration of the affairs of his own people. This produced such beneficial effect that the province generally was spoken of as the model province.

In the early months of this summer, it looked as if the whole of China soon was to come under the control of the Nationalists of the south, writes the *North China Daily News* Tatungfu (Shansi) correspondent. At this stage, the Governor threw in his lot with the southern Nationalists, and preparations were started for a military enterprise. On September 26 we were surprised to hear that the railway communication to and from Peking had been stopped. The same day, the whole of the Shansi forces began to move out of the province and launched a campaign for the capture of Peking, it being estimated that the expeditionary force contained about 150,000 soldiers of all arms. This force was divided into five armies moving towards Peking from the west, along five different roads.

The most northerly army started from Tatungfu and kept along the northwestern railway. The main army, under the personal supervision of the Governor of the province, followed the line of the railway from the capital of the province out over the hills to the southwest, to the railway junction at Shihchiachuang, where the main line from Hankow to the capital is reached. Between these two main forces, three other armies took more direct routes to the capital by way of passes over the mountains which lie between Shansi and their goal. The campaign was arranged so secretly and was started with such suddenness that the northerners were caught quite unprepared and they had to fall back before the invaders. Now they have been driven back and it seems as if the warlord of Manchuria intends to continue the campaign until the whole of Shansi is subject to his control.

Long Isolation.

We were cut off from the outside world for seven weeks. On Sunday last, the first train arrived from Peking and brought us two months' mail. During this period, we have seen some of the varied scenes at an important base in time of war. At one time, there were over 1,000 patients in makeshift hospitals. The so-called hospitals in charge were Chinese students who had been trained for a year or so in one of the mission hospitals as nurses. In less than a month after the outbreak of hostilities, it became apparent that the Shansi expedition had spent itself. We received in turn the retreating army of Shansi and then in close succession the victorious Manchurian army. The towns and villages through which the soldiers passed have suffered grievously. There has been oppression and violence everywhere of indescribable barbarity.

The people of the district have been exploited numerically. They have been forced to supply food and accommodation for both armies in turn, their womenfolk have been treated shamefully, their supplies of fodder and grain have been used freely for feeding the horses and mules of the military, their young men have been conscripted as labourers to carry the burdens of the soldiers, and their horses, mules, donkeys, cows, and carts have been seized and are not likely to be returned, being required for transport work. At present, we are under the rule of the Governor of Kirin, the Manchurian General in charge of the operations along the northwest frontier. Our province of Shansi is very mountainous. On the north in addition to the mountains, there is an outer wall, and an inner wall, which run east and west and are about one hundred miles apart. On the east of the province another section of the Great Wall of China runs north and south and is the boundary line between us and Chihli province.

Tatungfu lies up in the north of the province, between the two walls. It is the most important town in a wide area and is situated on the main road out of Peking to the northwest into central Asia.

The Relief Work.

During this time of strife we have had our work to do. When the railway service suddenly was suspended we became a travellers' hell.

AN ARMED ROBBER'S DEATH.

CHINESE CONSTABLE'S STRENUOUS STRUGGLE.

GUNMAN GIVES BATTLE.

At the Public Mortuary, Shanghai, on Tuesday, Judge Keh and Mr. Bos conducted an examination into the circumstances surrounding the death of one Tsang Tz-ching, who was shot by a Chinese police constable in Kashing Road on the morning of November 23.

C.P.C. 1695 deposed that he was on duty in Kashing Road at 7.30 a.m. on the day in question when he heard the blowing of police whistles. He was about to make inquiries when he saw complainant who ran up and told him that armed robbers were in his house. Witness went to the front door and, when he got inside, the robbers left by the back door.

Witness gave chase and was told that the robbers had run into Kashing Road. He saw a man walking down the street and he called upon him to stop. The man stopped and returned towards him.

The constable saw that he had a pistol up his sleeve, which he was about to point at him (witness). "I took no chances and fired a shot at the man," witness told the Court, "and hit him. I then took hold of him and there was a struggle, but deceased refused to let go his hold. I then fired two shots over my shoulder and brought him to the ground. Then I took the pistol away from him."

The Court returned a verdict that death was due to bullet wounds inflicted by the police after deceased had attempted to commit an armed robbery.

aid society and took care of a number of stranded travellers until such time as the railway service was resumed. Some of these people were with us six weeks. The famine relief which took the form of collecting the medicinal herb ephedra was carried on until the military made it impossible, for they seized all the carts for transport work and the poor people were afraid to bring in their supplies.

On account of the savagery of the soldiers, we were approached with a view to using the mission premises as a city of refuge for defenceless women and children. We have been able to find shelter in this way for over one hundred refugees; they have now been with us nearly a month and are likely to remain for an indefinite period of time. We have work now to do without going out to look for it. We give them all an opportunity of attending our evening service, which we arrange to suit their capabilities.

The Mosses Memorial Hospital, under the supervision of Dr. Francis Li, has been patronized by the wounded of both armies, but it now looks as if it will close down, as no carts can be hired to carry the wounded. Some of the wounded were left behind by the retreating army on the streets. The worst cases were received and cared for in the hospital, but in a heathen country the maimed and helpless are not wanted in the home, and now we are faced with the problem of providing for such as we befriended.

Murder of Priests.

Two Catholic priests have been murdered in our district within the last two months, giving up their lives defending their mission properties. Robbery with violence is of nightly occurrence in our city, and sometimes is accompanied with wounding or murder. It is impossible to go out into the villages, for there is great likelihood of being relieved of all one's belongings, either by soldiers or else by robbers. Railway travelling in this district also is an adventure. We now are left with no safe and sure means of transit.

The whole district is swarming with bands of brigands, and it is not likely to settle down as long as this war is going on in our midst. We must wait patiently for peace and settled government and in the meanwhile there is work to be done right at hand, ministering to those in distress and supplying the means of grace to the few faithful sharing in the work. It looks as if this district will be disturbed with war and strife for some considerable time, but it is not possible for any one to forecast future events, especially here in China.

Messrs. Reies Massey & Co., Ltd. issued the 1928 Diary issued by Messrs. Samuel Osborn & Co., Ltd., the Sheffield Steel Manufacturers, for whom they have recently been appointed Sole Agents for Hongkong and South China. It contains some useful computation tables for all who handle metals and machinery.

KIANGSI UPSET.

RASCALLY SOLDIERS ON THE SCENE.

THE YOKE OF TYRANNY.

Soon after the Manchu Emperor was driven from the throne and unrest began to manifest itself in different places all over the country, one often heard the people cry: "If only matters had gone on as they were! We were much happier and more peaceful under the old regime." Of course, that was the cry of the majority of the ordinary citizens. A few of the more enlightened among the scholars and students thought otherwise, and hoped great things for China in the future.

Just now, after a year or more of this second revolution, old and young, rich and poor, wise and simple, all join in the cry: "Oh, that we were back in the days of the first revolution!" Things are going from bad to worse, and a few, who are trying to better matters, are getting weary and discouraged, writes the Yushan (Kiangsi) correspondent of the *North China Daily News*. Louder still are raised the voices of those who have come back in great numbers from the front, and from Nanking. They went out full of enthusiasm; they came back thoroughly disillusioned. Some who have been in Kwangtung for years have returned.

Military Tyrants.

We have been almost tried beyond endurance during the past three weeks. We had just got rid of a band of soldiers, who had behaved very well, when a band of the Special Police Army arrived, and took up their residence on our premises, together with a number of soldiers. Because Kiangsi has been in a turmoil for so long, the commandant of this Special Police Force (an organization recently created) took up his headquarters at Kuangsin, to look after things in northeast Kiangsi. They were a law to themselves, took no orders from Nanchang, and were to control all the affairs in these parts, supervising the ordinary police and any troops passing through. They even misused their power, and sent their representatives, a small official and a number of soldiers, to each "hsien" city, ostensibly to forbid and exterminate gambling, opium-selling, and all houses of ill repute, but in reality to license all these branches of vice.

A man from a neighbouring "hsien" bought his office from the commandant, gathered a band of lawless characters from this and neighbouring cities, and with a band of soldiers to do his bidding arrived in Yushan. The city authorities prepared a place for them, as they were sent by the commanding officer at Kuangsin. They scorned the place prepared for them, and without as much as "By your leave," they took possession of the church and the school premises, establishing their yamen in the place that had been set apart for the worship of God. We had not minded the soldiers so much, for they behaved decently, and did not come to establish their quarters here for good, but when this band came, with the intention of staying for a year or two, as they said, and soon showed they had only come to license vice, instead of suppressing it, and carried on their unlawful business in the place devoted to the service of God, we did rebel.

When they started the next day to partition our church into rooms, we objected, without avail. I sent my card, and invited the commanding officer to come in to talk matters over. He did not come. The next day, we went again and invited him for tea. Again he kept away, as he had no excuse to give. We then appealed to the magistrate, but he dared not move in the matter. We then felt that only the Lord could help us, and gathered together for prayer.

Licensed Vices.

All the city people were up in arms against them, and said they had no right to live in the mission premises. Even the Political Bureau took them to task for it, and said it was not right, but they answered with a lie, saying they had rented the place. Everyone knew that was a falsehood. Things got worse and worse both in city and country. All those who had practised their evil deeds in secret, now came out openly, for they had only to register and pay so many dollars a month to carry on their unlawful business. At a country fair, the gamblers refused to pay the required sums, and said they would rather stop. The next day they were asked to continue, otherwise no money could be got out of them.

We sent a petition to the commanding officer at Kuangsin, but before there was time for an answer, the whole band had fled. One evening, a proclamation was put up on the front door that all were to be arrested, and the whole army disbanded. The commanding officer quickly fled, with his wife and belongings. His poor father, who had just arrived to find

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MONSTER BAZAAR.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S EFFORT.

ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS.

The 44th annual Bazaar and All Fresco Fete, held in connexion with the efforts of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to raise funds for the relief of Hongkong's poor, was held in the compound of the Roman Catholic Cathedral yesterday, and, as in previous years, was afforded a large measure of support.

We learn that the gross takings amount to a little over \$20,000, while more money is coming in. The exact total will probably be available to-morrow.

There were the usual stalls that have proved so popular in previous efforts on a view, ranging from the \$5 choice to 10 cents, thus providing patrons with a wide range of prices. The latter found great favour with the children, and had for sale one third of the total number of toys in the bazaar. The fish pond proved popular, the prospect of a prize of a bottle of whisky attracting many, while at a Naval Staff roulette held out promise to those who liked a mild flutter.

A diamond ring, the most valuable prize next to the Erskine car, was contained in the Surprise Cake, in addition to other trinkets of minor value. One of the most comprehensive sections was "The Farmyard" stocked with the produce of the Dairy Farm Company, including "turkey," geese, sucking pigs, etc., in connexion with which guessing competitions were held.

Other forms of competition and amusement included "shooting," tennis, football, darts, hoops and coin games.

There were several stalls entirely managed by Chinese, including, in addition to the usual C.C.Y.M. stall, a principal station. The Bazaar was made the more enjoyable by means of a concert which was held in the adjoining mission building. Among the artists was one of a Chinese troupe of jugglers, who is proceeding to Sydney to fill an engagement. Although very young he surprised the audience with many juggling feats and sang American songs extremely well.

Two programmes of music were rendered during the afternoon by the full military band of the K.O.S. Borderers, under the direction of Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle. Refreshments were provided by the proprietors of the Savoy and Metropole Hotels. The scene of the Bazaar looked very attractive when darkness set in, coloured electric lights giving a pretty effect.

The Helpers.

The following is a list of the chief officials and helpers: President, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Chev. J. M. Alves; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Robert Chao; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. P. Sherry (on leave); Acting Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. A. Burton; assisted by a large and representative bazaar committee. General Organization: Mr. J. M. Alves, assisted by Messrs. J. M. Gracia, B. Young, K. Young, and Ah Yick, with Madame Albuquerque e Cqueira and Miss Britto (Secretaries); Grounds and Illuminations: Mr. L. J. Walker, assisted by men from H.M. Navy and Mr. Hosan.

Motor-car Draw: Messrs. K. Young, F. M. Rozario, M. A. Hamid, and Yu Kong. Band: Messrs. C. J. Monahan, J. M. S. Rozario, L. D. Turner, G. Vaz, and A. V. Barros, assisted by several shroffs lent by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank through the courtesy of the Comptroller, Mr. Ho Wing.

Gate: Messrs. MacCarthy, Parker, Mahoney and Johnson. Ten Cent Stalls: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Noronha, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Ribeiro, Mrs. F. Bayes, Misses G. F. and T. Assumpcao, Olga and Marie Roche, A. de Souza, Delele Silva, M. Remedios, Gutierrez, Olga Ribeiro, Tuli and Aida Noronha, Alda Remedios, and Messrs. S. A. Ribeiro and J. F. Ribeiro.

Naval Stall: Mr. C. A. Carlton, assisted by Messrs. Doyle, Fowler, Birkett, Halahan, and others. Christmas Tree: Messrs. W. R. Wilkinson, H. Wilkinson, Medina, G. Nottell, W. Rodger, W. Newsbury and D. Silva.

Little Flower Stall: Misses B. Vaz, C. M. Goncalves, E. Baptista, H. M. Silva, M. Vaz, H. Silva, C. Xavier, F. Cruz, P. M. Montalto de Jesus, B. Santos, A. Baeto, C. Cruz, O. Azevedo, M. and B. Gutierrez, L. Chan, L. I. Silva, R. Rozario, C. Barreto, L. B. Ozerio, with the assistance of Messrs. E. Vaz and Mrs. F. A. Barreto.

Farmyard: Messrs. A. Borram, G. W. Cooper, D. Thompson and S. Simpson. Football Burst: Messrs. Giles, Grant and Hyde. Chinese Catholic Young men's Stall: Messrs. Chan, Kwok Leung, Lui Wai Hung, Chan Kwok Wah, Chee, Ping Fai, Chan Kwok Yan, Wu Sham Tak On, Chan Sion Hing, Ip Kam Chew, Chan Sion Hing, Ip Chung Man, Chan Tak Ming, Cheng Chik Ming, Chow Chin Cheung, Chow

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DEATH IN PRISON HOSPITAL.

CORONER HOLDS ENQUIRY.

After serving two and a half years of a sentence of seven years' hard labour for an offence against the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, Li Kai died in Victoria Gudi hospital at 12.30 a.m. yesterday. At the Central Magistracy this morning, Major C. Willson and a jury held an enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the man's death.

Dr. A. Cannon, medical officer in charge of prisons, said that Li Kai was admitted to the gaol on April 21, 1925, and was then examined by Dr. Pope, who placed him on hard labour. Witness first saw the man on April 5 this year, and diagnosed his condition as generalised tuberculosis, and he was treated for that disease.

On June 27 witness again examined the man, and found that his disease was becoming complicated by the onset of beriberi. He was taken to the gaol hospital and regularly treated until his death. A post mortem examination revealed the causes of death as primarily, generalised tuberculosis and beriberi, and secondarily, toxemia and syncope.

Mr. A. Calvert, assistant prison superintendent, said that Li Kai was 34 years of age and was a native of the Shek Lung village, Tung Kun district. He was convicted on April 20, 1925, at the Criminal Sessions.

The jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

MARINE COURT CASES.

WOMEN BOARD SHIP WITHOUT LEAVE.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. G. E. Hoile, an unusual case of boarding without permission was heard, the accused being two alleged prostitutes.

The charge was raised by Mr. Zumwalt, agent of the Columbia Pacific Line, in respect of two Chinese women, both of Macao, who boarded the s.s. Las Vegas on December 4, without the permission of the officer commanding. Both pleaded guilty, and were fined \$10 each, with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment. The fines were paid.

Hah Fuk Tai, master of the steam-launch Wing Cheong, pleaded guilty to the charge of failing to observe the rule of the road in the Southern Fairway on November 30, and, admitting a previous offence on the same charge, was fined \$20 with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment.

BLANKETS IN A PAWN-SHOP.

KOWLOON LADY'S LOSS.

Following enquiries by the Police, two white woollen blankets which had been stolen from the verandah of No. 4, Banoo Building, were subsequently recovered from a pawn-shop where they had been pledged by two Chinese, who as a consequence were charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with pawnning the blankets without the permission of the owner. Mrs. Lilian Cook, of No. 4, Banoo Building, prosecuted, and gave evidence that the blankets had been taken from her verandah during November 28.

The case was adjourned.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

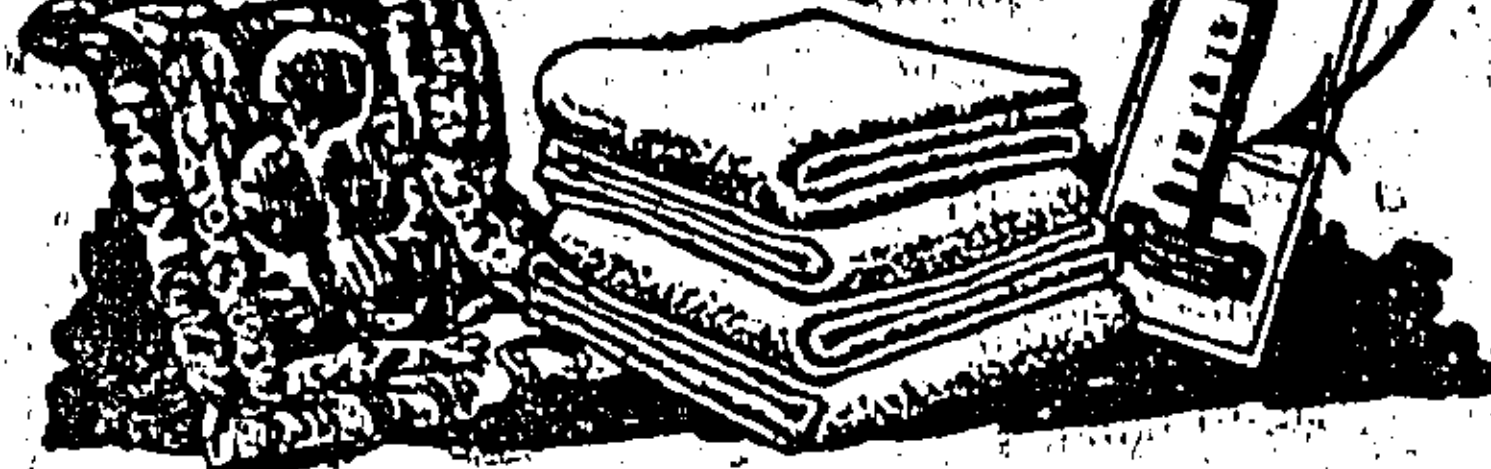
The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. When does the Sale of Food (Weights and Measures) Act, 1926, come into force?
2. How many planets are there?
3. What important decision has been made by the Jockey Club during the last month?
4. Who wrote "The Battle of the Books," "The Shaving of Shagpat," "The Ingoldsby Legends," "Ode to a Nightingale," "Second Mrs. Tanqueray"?
5. Who won the Football Association Cup in 1926?
6. What mythological figure was suspended in the cloud with anvils on her feet?
7. What is the name of the Italian liner that sank off the South American coast last month?
8. Which of the following were real characters: William Cobbett, Sir Andrew Aguecheek, David Rizzio, Mrs. Masham, Harold Skimpole, Rasputin, Soames Forsyte?
9. What is the usual weight of a boxing glove?
10. Who is Mr. Bratani?
11. What broadcasting stations are represented by the following signs: 5GB, 2FC, 5XX, 2LO, 6BM?
12. Who holds the following offices: First Sea Lord, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Post Laureate, Minister of Pensions, Lord President of the Council?

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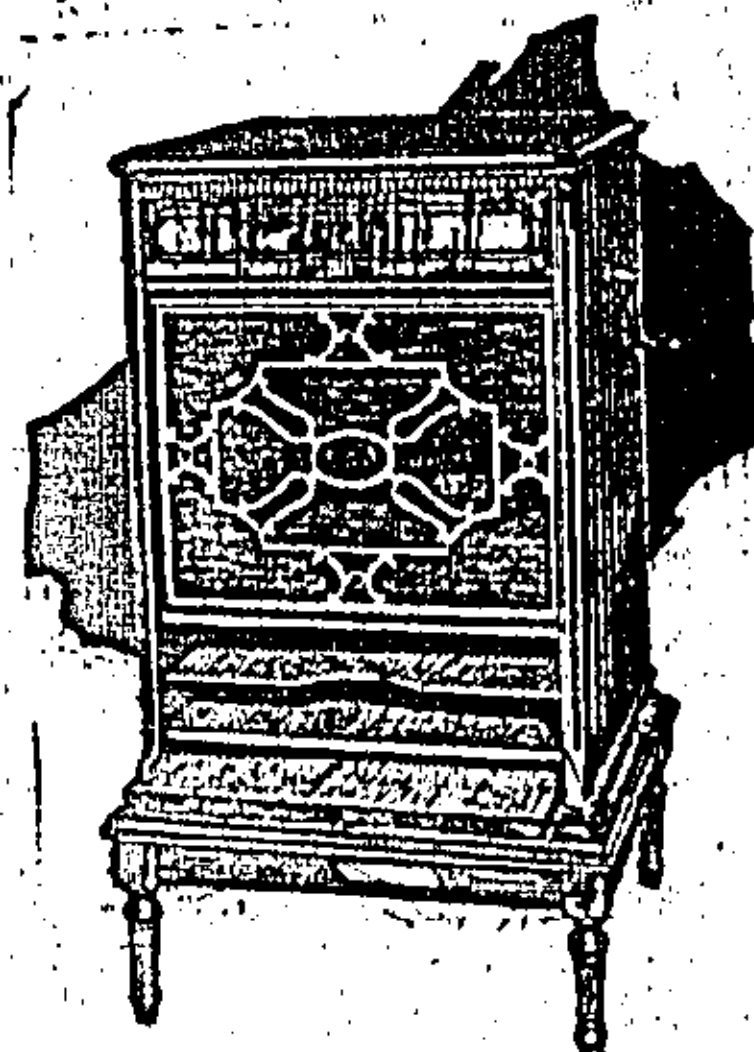
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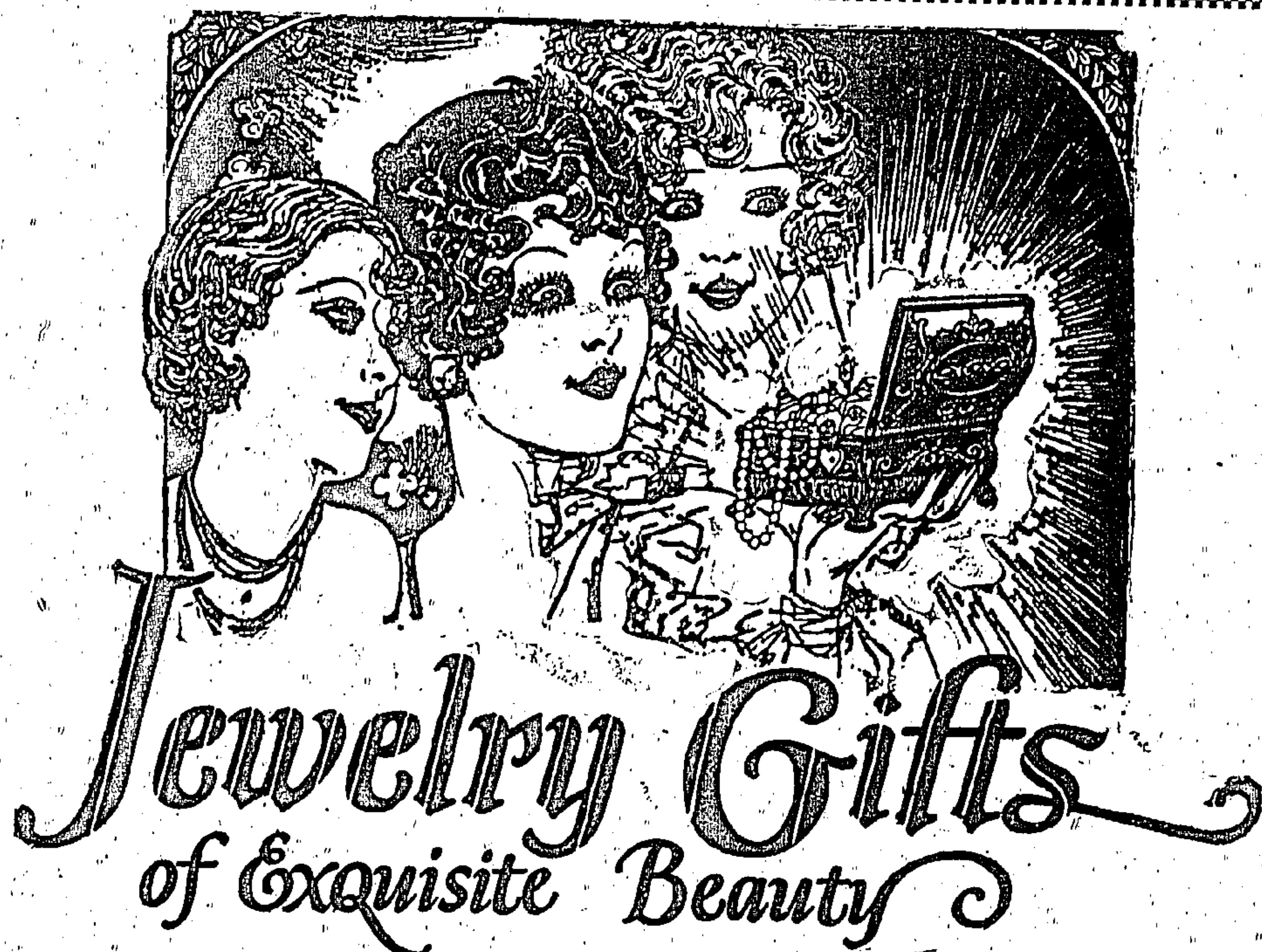
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KEEN STRUGGLES IN LOCAL SOCCER.

QUEEN'S GOOD FORTUNE.

[By "Wanderer."]

While form went but little astray regarding Saturday's local league programme, somewhat abbreviated, not all the results were a true reflex of the merits of the sides. The Queen's Royal Regiment defeated the Royal Artillery by the odd goal of five, but were very fortunate to pull the match off after being in arrears, while the Club de Recreo, in defeating the K.O.S.B. similarly, also had a large measure of good fortune.

One of the best performances of the day was the three goals put through by Kowloon Reserves against the K.O.S.B. Reserves. Only two goals had been registered against the junior league leaders in eight previous games.

The full results are appended:

Senior Division.			
Recreo	3	K.O.S.B.	2
Club	3	Police	1
Scots Gds.	1	R.A.F.	0
R.A.	2	Queen's	3
Junior Division "A"			
St. Joseph's	1	R.A. Res.	0
Kowloon	3	K.O.S.B.	5
S. China "A"	1	Recreo	1
University	0	S. China "B"	2
Junior Division "B"			
Moslems	1	St. Joseph's	0
Chinese Ath.	1	Kung Mo	2

Queen's Final Rally.

While giving the Queen's every credit for their final rally in which they scored two goals to snatch victory from the Royal Artillery by the odd goal of five, taking the match throughout they were very fortunate to secure both points.

Barclay scored a brilliant goal for the Queen's early on, a magnificent first-time shot after a neat slip by Calcutt giving Philpotts no chance. The Queen's, however, were put out of their normal stride by a bustling defence, and far from looking like improving upon their advantage, it was Moss who was given a warm time.

The fast-moving R.A. forwards always appeared a shade more dangerous than the Queen's line, and though impetuous kicking lost them many chances, the equaliser was not long delayed, Sargent forcing the ball through. Just before the interval, Ward broke clean through and scored again, 4-2 to the Queen's.

but offside was given against Pulford, who had run in.

The R.A. led a lively attack for a long period in the second half, and for a time the Queen's defence was overruled. Moss made several brilliant saves, but eventually Sargent defeated him easily from close range.

Fifteen minutes from the end, the Queen's settled down to better football, but the equaliser when it came was unsatisfying. Horridge lobbed the ball goalwards and it could have been only an inch or so over the line before the ball was kicked down the field. Mr. Baldwin was on the spot, however, and awarded the goal without hesitation. Richardson netted the winning goal after another neat movement.

The game was fought at a terrific pace throughout, the R.A. giving one of their best displays of the season. Trim and Excell gave little away in defence, and the half-backs were vigorous and unhesitating in tackling. Long swinging passes kept the forwards on the move, and their go-ahead tactics were always dangerous.

The Queen's adopted different methods, giving a more polished exhibition. The half-backs, Morris particularly, were pushing the ball up along the carpet with ideal passes, and much individual cleverness was observed among the forwards. Barclay was most prominent but he indulged in too much dribbling, and was not so keen a judge of the best placed man as sometimes he is.

Early Lead Tells.

The first goal plays a great part in any game, and when a side nets twice in the first ten minutes, the opposition needs to do something remarkable to pull the game round. This was the experience of the K.O.S.B. at King's Park, and they failed by the odd goal of five.

Before the Borderers had thought of settling down Assumpcao had burst through and put the Recreo ahead, and a few minutes later, a brilliant goal by Gosano put a more serious complexion on the state of affairs.

The Club de Recreo's defence was subjected to severe pressure up to the interval, but the backs held, and no further scoring occurred prior to the interval. The Borderers drew blood in the second half from a penalty award, Davey making no mistake, but the Recreo's advantage was strengthened by Silva, who put in a beautiful shot to score a third goal from a breakaway.

Subsequently play ran largely in favour of the K.O.S.B. but although Alexander reduced the deficit, the equaliser refused to come.

The Recreo snapped up their opportunities, but in matters else they were outplayed by the K.O.S.B. The military side settled down to capital combination, but even though Xavier was a Recreo absentee, their efforts broke down in front of goal. The forwards indulged in over-much passing particularly as the inside men did not appear well versed in each other's moves.

Club Win Again.

All the scoring in the match between the H.K.F.C. and the Police on the Club ground took place in the first half. Vickers (2) and Bishop (penalty) scoring for the Club and Noonan for the Police.

In the opening half, the Club showed up prominently, Vickers leading the attack in good style, the half-backs rendering good support. After the interval, the game underwent a change, the Police settling down to a vigorous attack, which brought Rodger out at his best, but did not result in goalscoring.

In winning for the second time successively, the Club moved up in the table, the return of Stewart and Watson having strengthened the defence considerably.

Guards' Narrow Win.

The Scots' Guards held on to second place by defeating the R.A.F. but they had to extend themselves to the full to win by the only goal of the match.

McNiven was the scorer, fifteen minutes after the commencement, forcing himself through the R.A.F. defence and netting with a capital shot. Neither defence gave anything away in the subsequent exchanges, though both goals had narrow escapes. The defences had a gruelling afternoon, and came with extreme credit through a game fought at top speed throughout.

Junior Games.

Kowloon put up a great fight in the Junior Division "A" against the league leaders, taking the lead after Crawley had opened the scoring for the K.O.S.B. and holding it until close to the interval. Subsequently the Borderers carried the score to 4-2, and though Kowloon again scored in an effort to get on terms, Hart put the issue beyond doubt.

NEW WELTER CHAMPION.

BENNETT SCORES OVER HORNSEY.

SATURDAY'S BOXING BOUTS.

[By "Wanderer."]

Picture two men in a ring, each more than a little puzzled by the other's tactics, both fighting shy of the possible little bit up the sleeve of the other fellow, and you have the contest for the welter-weight championship of the Colony between Gunner Hornsey and Able Seaman Bennett at the City Hall on Saturday night. That, at least, was the impression the fight left with me.

Twice in the first five rounds, Bennett released caution long enough to seize upon openings to disturb Hornsey's balance, and the ultimate decision in favour of Bennett, which proved extremely popular, might easily have been accorded on those five rounds. A certain amount of monotony would have been saved, for as a championship bout it was a failure. Each was chary of giving chances, little really effective hitting was seen at any time, neither showed a sign of conflict at the close.

Bennett, I suppose, won practically every round by a varying margin, but he showed little enterprise, though resorting to rushing tactics against an unflinching opponent. He won because he tried to fight, but judging by Hornsey's obvious dissatisfaction at the verdict, the idea was certainly a new one to the latter.

Advancing To Defence.

It would be interesting to learn from Hornsey the grounds on which he thought he should have been declared the winner. Throughout he presented the paradox of a man advancing to the defence. He appeared to be constantly making up his mind that it was time he did something, without ever deciding that the time had come. He advanced, forcing Bennett to make full use of the ring, but almost without exception waited for Bennett to begin the rally. His defence was very sound, he took most of the heavy ones on his gloves, but there was nothing pretty about his covering-up tactics, and when towards the end he launched an occasional attack, he preferred close grips to a chance acquaintance with Bennett's two-handed battery.

Bennett was speedy on the ground, beat his opponent to the punch, and generally inspired much greater confidence, but, he would have lived things up to advantage had he called Hornsey's bluff a little more often. His victory was well merited, however, and he was popularly acclaimed. The belt presented by the medical fraternity was awarded by Dr. J. W. Anderson.

Hornsey's Advantage.

Gunner Hornsey had a five pounds advantage, Bennett weighing in at 142 lbs. In the first round, Bennett milled on the retreat, connecting with both hands.

St. Joseph's maintained their winning form, but a penalty goal decided the game against the R.A. Reserves.

Chinese Athletic, the leaders in the Junior Division "B" made almost certain of winning the championship by defeating Kung Mo their nearest rivals after a keenly contested game.

GARRISON LEAGUE.

Results of Last Week's Games.

NEXT FIXTURES.

On Tuesday last the 12th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery played the K.O.S.B. (D Company) in the Garrison Football League and drew, the score being one goal each. The K.O.S.B. (H. Q. 1) beat the 20th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery by three goals to one.

The matches played on Thursday resulted in the K.O.S.B. (B Company) losing to the C. Company by two goals to nil and the R.A.M.C. beating the R.A.O.C. by three to one.

To-morrow the K.O.S.B. (H. Q. 2) meet the 20th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery (Referee, L/C Hay) and the K.O.S.B. (H. Q. 1) are down to meet the 12th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery (Referee, Sgt. Hyson).

The K.O.S.B. B. Company and the H. Q. 1 will play each other on Thursday with Sgt. Browne in charge, while the D. Company engage the R.A.O.C. with Pipe Major Mackie officiating.

League Table.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	Pts.
C. Co. K.O.S.B.	7	6	1	3	3	13
D. Co. K.O.S.B.	8	4	2	2	15	10
H.Q. 2 K.O.S.B.	6	4	1	1	16	9
A. Co. K.O.S.B.	6	4	1	1	8	9
H.Q. 1 K.O.S.B.	5	4	1	1	7	8
81st H. Bty. R.A.	6	3	2	1	13	5
B. Co. K.O.S.B.	3	2	1	6	2	4
12th H. Bty. R.A.	2	1	1	6	5	3
R.A.O.C.	1	1	1	8	3	2
R.A.M.C.	1	1	1	11	3	2
R.E. & T. Sigs.	5	5	5	2	16	1
20th H. Bty. R.A.	4	4	4	1	16	1

In attacks which took Hornsey by surprise. In the second round, after both had taken a certain amount of punishment, Hornsey forcing Bennett round the ring without essaying a lead, Bennett whipped in a vicious right hook which sent Hornsey to the boards for a short count, but which left him unhurt.

Hornsey fought back strongly, and on these lines the fight proceeded until the twelfth round, Hornsey's drop to his knees in the fifth being the only incident worthy of particular mention. On the average, Bennett landed two blows to Hornsey's one in long range fighting, but he also missed wildly many times, Hornsey displaying extremely clever headwork.

Brighter boxing was seen in the last four rounds. Hornsey, who had apparently been following a plan of campaign, albeit a curious one, for the first time showing willingness to mix things, exchanges were much brisker. Clinches were more frequent, with Hornsey scoring to the body, but although he was forceful Bennett evaded serious punishment. Bennett was too impulsive to punch with precision, but he got in several stinging blows in the sharp concluding rallies.

Sharple's Success.

One or two of the preliminaries provided more excitement in the space of six rounds than the big fight did in fifteen. The hard-hitting Stoker Sharple and the newcomer, Marine Harris, wore themselves completely out in a grueling battle. Neither man had a punch left at the close, but the verdict, a draw, was rather unjust to Sharple, and must have been influenced by a caution administered to him for boring with his head.

He set a lively pace which put Harris completely out of his stride, and though the latter retaliated to good purpose, sending in stiff hooks to the head and body in the fourth and fifth rounds, he was too far behind to even matters up entirely. Sharple left quite a good impression.

Wilson's Error.

L. S. Wilson surrendered his twelve pounds advantage over Signalman Morris directly he allowed the lighter man to take the initiative and he was soundly trounced, being outboxed, outhit and nearly knocked out before he threw in the towel at the end of the third round.

The progress of the bout was sometimes difficult to understand for Wilson possesses a rather useful left, which might have made a difference had he put it to more use. Morris demonstrated the value of experience in no uncertain manner and was much too clever for the Ambrose man.

Ding-Dong Fight.

After taking a heavy belting from Pte. Hume in the first three rounds, Signalman Shons (Serraphis) came back so strongly towards the close that he nearly turned the tables. Hume has lost considerable weight recently and his punching powers have suffered thereby. He sailed in at the start, Shons being nonplussed by the speed of the attack, and the young soldier's persistency. Shons fought back in game fashion, and he punched with force and accuracy. Several times Hume appeared badly distressed, but he kept on his feet, and continued to exchange punches in courageous manner. The last three rounds went to Shons but Hume was given the decision.

Coombs Wins in Good Style.

In L. S. Hall and A. B. Coombs, two old hands made a welcome reappearance in the local ring. The bout lasted two rounds only, but they crowded a hard battle into those rounds, Hall being forced to give up after a doctor had examined a bad cut over the eye. Coombs was much the cooler of the two in a ding-dong struggle, both punching with force and displaying cleverness in attack and defence. Little showed itself between them until close to the end of the second round when Coombs suddenly darted in and twice got home heavily to the point, leaving Hall dazed. Coombs gave his opponent no rest, launching a rapid fire two-handed attack in the course of which Hall was badly battered and sustained a nasty cut over the eye, which forced his retirement.

Two Novices.

Both Piper Smith and Pte. Schiff were obviously novices and criticism would scarcely be fair. They met in the last contest of the evening, and Schiff threw up the sponge in the second round after receiving a blow in the eye which will probably leave it discoloured for a few days.

The Boxing Association staged a good all-round show and received capital support. If, as I hear, Corpl. Duncan will arrive in Hongkong on December 10th, still better can be done.

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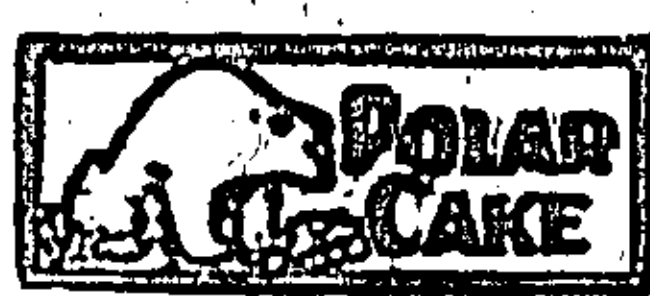
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FANLING HUNT.

JUMPING SEASON OPENS.

The opening meeting of the Fanling Hunt season was held at the Kwantia Course on Saturday afternoon, there being a record attendance and good sport. Arrangements for the accommodation of the spectators were greatly improved, while the course was in fine shape. Special trains carried the bulk of the crowd, but many preferred the ride out by car. The Hunt is to be commended for the excellent parking arrangements.

The races were well contested, but there was a contretemps when Easter Day's jockey misjudged the course and had to come out of the race, allowing Loch Rannoch to achieve an extremely lucky win in the Autumn Plate.

There were few falls, but when these occurred the entire aspect of the races was altered, thus adding to the thrill. There were good fields for the opening events, but towards the end, fewer ponies were seen out, there being only four contestants in each of the last three races.

Mrs. R. J. Paterson and Mr. M. M. Watson each registered a first and second, while Mr. Stanton had two thirds. Of the jockeys, each with three mounts, Mr. Bulteel had two firsts and a second, Mr. Reidy two firsts and a second, Mr. Skrine a first, a second and a third.

Dividends were exceptionally good for hurdle events, there being one dividend of more than 10 to one for a win, while places averaged at about \$6.50. The cash sweeps were much higher than usual, owing to the fact, it is believed, that there were no bookmakers operating.

Results.

Hunters' Arms, about one mile, for China ponies that have never won a steeplechase.

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Humdinger (Mr. Bulteel) 1
Mr. M. M. Watson's Blotting Paper (Mr. Skrine) 2
Mr. F. Usher's Warrington (owner) 3

Also ran: Caviere (Mr. Stanton), Yorks (Mr. Reidy), Chung-ka-kau (Mr. Morgan), Taree (Mr. Durlacher).

Parl-mutuel.

Winner \$59.70, Places: \$6.00, \$6.20, \$6.40.

Warrington 72, Blotting Paper 43, Yorks 38, Humdinger 14, Caviere 11, Taree 3, Chung-ka-kau 2.

United Services Heavyweight Race, about seven furlongs, for China ponies, catch-weights at 168 lbs., to be ridden by officers of H.M.'s Forces or members of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara's James Pigg (Mr. Bulteel) 1
Mr. M. M. Maas's More Better (Mr. Usher) 2
Dr. J. Durran's Drake (owner) 3

Also ran: Two-stop (Mr. Crabbe), Shot III (Captain G. H. Abbott).

Parl-mutuel: Winner \$12.10, Places: \$6.00, \$6.50.

More Better 100, James Pigg 85, Two-stop 15, Shot III 15, Drake 14.

Autumn Plate, about two miles, for China ponies, weight for inches as per scale.

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Rannoch (Dr. Reidy) 1
Mr. J. J. Paterson's Deer Hound (Mr. Stanton) 2
Mr. W. T. Stanton's Red Leaves (Mr. Skrine) 3

Also ran: Easter Day (Mr. F. Usher).

Parl-mutuel: Winner \$16.40, Places: \$7.00, \$9.30.

Easter Day 100, Loch Rannoch 63, Deer Hound 43, Red Leaves 13.

November Handicap, about 1 1/4 miles, for China ponies.

Dr. L. Reidy's Mowgli (owner) 1
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Scotter (Mr. Bulteel) 2
Mr. W. T. Stanton's Race Horse (owner) 3

Also ran: Loongwa (Mr. F. Usher).

Parl-mutuel: Winner \$9.30, Places: \$6.40, \$7.10.

Mowgli 133, Scotter 80, Race Horse 62.

Consolation Race, about seven furlongs, for non-winning starters at this meeting.

Mr. H. M. Watson's Blotting Paper (Mr. Skrine) 1
Mr. W. T. Stanton's Red Leaves (Mr. Stanton) 2
Mrs. Dyer's Yorks (Mr. Durlacher) 3

Also ran: Loongwa (Mr. F. Usher).

Parl-mutuel: Winner \$8.50, Places: \$6.50, \$8.50.

Blotting Paper 120, Loongwa 54, Taree 42, Yorks 13.

Cash Sweeps.

Results of the cash sweeps were as follows:

Race I. No. 42 \$103.60, " 31 29.60, " 58 14.80.

\$10 tickets: Nos. 11, 67, 15, 21.

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Result of Autumn Plate "A" Drawing.

The big sweep on the result of the Autumn Plate, for which more than 13,000 tickets were sold at \$1, resulted as follows. No. 8,320 \$8,076.06; No. 5,919 \$2,307.46; No. 16,704 \$1,163.73; No. 13,343 \$769.15.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

Full results of Saturday's football as cabled by Reuters are as follows:

Division I.

Birmingham 0, Leicester 2, Blackburn 0, Sunderland 0, Cardiff 0, Aston Villa 1, Everton 0, Sheffield U. 0, Huddersfield 0, Arsenal 1, Manchester U. 0, Bury 1, Middlesbrough 5, Portsmouth 1, Newcastle 1, Liverpool 1, Wednesday 2, West Ham 0, Tottenham 5, Burnley 0.

Division II.

Blackpool 1, Port Vale 6, Bristol C. 2, Manchester C. 0, Clapton 2, South Shields 0, Grimsby 3, Barnsley 1, Notts. C. 2, Swansea 0, Oldham 4, Fulham 2, Reading 2, Wolves 1, Southampton 0, Preston 1, Stoke 3, Hull 0, West Brom. 2, Notts. For. 3.

Division III (South).

Brentford 0, Plymouth 2, Bournemouth 4, Bristol R. 2, Brighton 2, Charlton 2, Crystal Pal. 2, Gillingham 2, Exeter 0, Coventry 1, Luton 1, Merthyr 1, Millwall 7, Walsall 1, Northants 1, Queens' P.R. 0, Norwich 1, Swindon 2, Southend 3, Watford 8, Torquay 1, Newport 1.

Division III (North).

Barrow 2, Darlington 0, Bradford 2, Accrington 3, Chesterfield 1, Hartlepool 2, Durham 2, New Brighton 1, Nelson 1, Ashington 0, Rochdale 4, Crewe 6, Halifax 0, Bradford C. 5, Southport 5, Doncaster 2, Stockport 2, Wigan 1, Wrexham 1, Lincoln 0.

Scottish League.

Aberdeen 0, Airdrieonians 0, Celtic 1, Motherwell 2, Cowdenbeath 1, St. Johnstone 2, Dundee 4, Clyde 2, Falkirk 5, Dunfermline 1, Hamilton 1, Rangers 1, Hearts 5, Bo'ness 0, Kilmarnock 2, Hibernians 1, Queen's Park 8, Raith Rovers 6, Partick 6, St. Mirren 2.

Full League Tables.

The following League tables show the positions of the teams, Saturday's matches having been taken into account in their compilation:

Division I.

Everton 17 9 6 2 50 22 24, Newcastle 17 9 4 4 38 27 22, Leicester 18 8 5 5 43 28 21, Cardiff 17 7 7 3 45 25 21, Blackburn 17 6 8 4 26 23 20, Liverpool 17 6 5 4 42 29 19, Middlesbrough 17 7 4 6 39 35 18, Huddersfield 16 7 4 6 35 28 18, Aston Villa 17 7 4 6 35 28 18, Tottenham 17 7 4 6 32 31 17, Arsenal 16 6 5 5 32 32 17, Burnley 17 8 1 8 34 41 17, Bury 17 8 1 8 34 41 17, Manchester 18 7 3 8 31 34 17, Sunderland 17 6 4 7 35 23 16, West Ham 16 7 1 8 34 40 15, Bolton 17 5 5 6 26 23 15, Wednesday 17 4 5 8 34 30 13, Birmingham 17 3 7 7 27 36 13, Sheffield U. 17 4 5 8 21 36 13, Derby 16 3 4 9 33 44 10, Portsmouth 17 3 4 10 29 50 10.

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Division III (South).

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Division III (North).

Bradford 16 10 4 2 30 21 24, Doncaster 10 11 2 3 35 22 24, Lincoln 16 9 3 4 27 28 21, Wrexham 17 9 3 5 30 23 21, Halifax 17 8 4 5 27 23 20, Tranmere 15 8 4 3 32 21 21, Rochdale 14 9 1 4 32 19 19, Bradford C. 15 4 6 5 33 27 16, Brighton 16 6 5 5 20 16 16, Darlington 16 7 2 7 23 25 16, Accrington 14 5 6 3 25 21 16, Stockport 16 7 2 6 19 18 16, Durham 16 6 3 7 24 31 15, Nelson 16 6 2 8 32 43 14.

CHINESE COMMUNISM.

M. STALIN'S REPORT TO PARTY CONGRESS.

Moscow, Dec. 4. M. Stalin in a six-hour report to the Congress of the Communist Party on the work of the Party during the last two years, in dealing with the growth of what he called the international revolutionary movement referred to the development of the Chinese revolution. He declared that it was bound to grow in the future. Referring to the opposition it had encountered he said that if it wished to remain in the Party it must honestly admit its mistake, otherwise it must seek to form a second party for itself.—Reuters.

VARSITY RELAYS.

London, Dec. 3. At Oxford in the inter-varsity relays, Cambridge beat Oxford by four events to three.—Reuters.

CAMBRIDGE BEATS OXFORD.

New York, Dec. 3. The Rockefeller Foundation has donated to the American College a million dollars for the new Medical Centre at Beirut. The Hall Estate fund has made a similar donation for the American College at Athens.—Reuters.

GOVERNOR SMITH ON PROHIBITION.

Albany, New York, Dec. 4. For the first time since he was prominently mentioned as possible Democratic candidate for Presidency, Governor Al Smith has referred to prohibition. At a dinner he declared that while he was bound to enforce the law, it was the right of our people to oppose any law with which they were out of sympathy.—Reuters.

PARIS, DEC. 3.

M. Naggiar, French Consul Shanghai, has been appointed Sub-Director for Asia.—Havas.

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IMPERIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW ZEALAND'S WAKEFULNESS.

Wellington, Dec. 4. In a debate in the House of Representatives on Imperial Affairs, Mr. Coates declared that any increased share which New Zealand was disposed to take in naval defence should be given the first instance to the Singapore naval base.

The apparent success of wireless between Britain, Canada and Australia indicated advisability of a forward step New Zealand in the near future.—Reuters.

VOTE CATCHING.

GOVERNOR SMITH ON PROHIBITION.

Albany, New York, Dec. 4. For the first time since he was prominently mentioned as possible Democratic candidate for Presidency, Governor Al Smith has referred to prohibition. At a dinner he declared that while he was bound to enforce the law, it was the right of our people to oppose any law with which they were out of sympathy.—Reuters.

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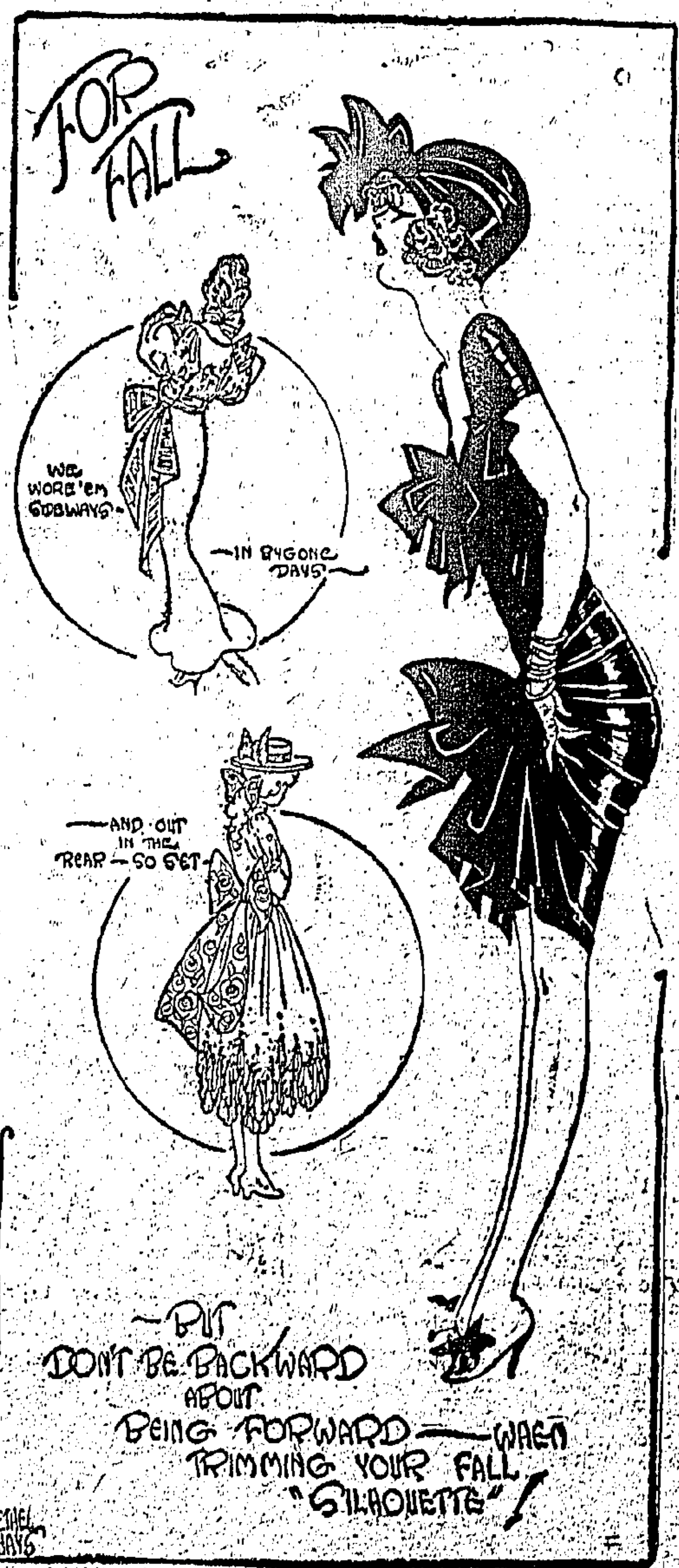
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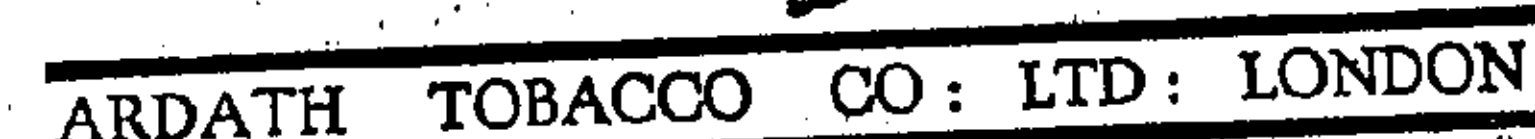
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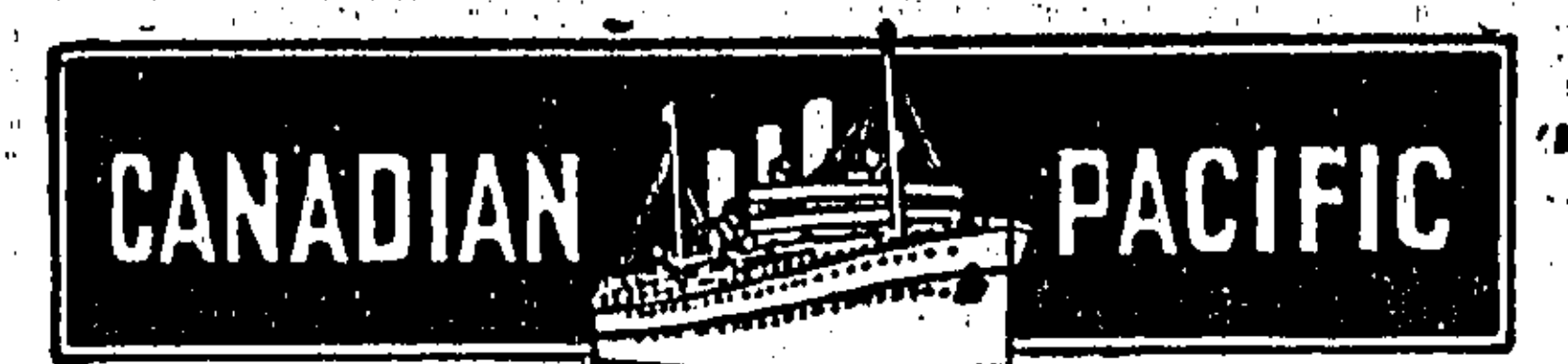


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LEAGUE COUNCIL.

TO HEAR POLISH CASE
THIS WEEK.

London, Dec. 3.
The meeting of the League of Nations Council will open at Geneva on Monday, and the British delegate, Sir Austen Chamberlain, left London to-day to attend.

One of the most important questions before the Council is the Polish-Lithuanian dispute, and it is anticipated that Marshal Pilsudski, who will represent Poland, which is a member of the League Council, is expected to arrive in Geneva on Monday.

It is reported that, owing to the state of his health, Monsieur Titulesco, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, has applied for postponement of further consideration of the Rumanian-Hungarian dispute.—British Wireless.

British and French Delegates Arrive.

Geneva, Dec. 4.
Sir Austen Chamberlain and other members of the British Delegation to the League Council, and M. Briand of the French Delegation, arrived this morning on the same train.—Reuter.

PANAMA CANAL.

NEW DAM WANTED.

Washington, Dec. 3.
The annual report of the Secretary for War shows that the traffic of the Panama Canal last year exceeded that of any previous year, the excess of receipts over expenditure being \$816,487,000. British and American vessels comprised 23 per cent. and 56 per cent. respectively of the traffic.

The War Secretary urged the immediate construction of a dam to provide an additional storage of water for the Canal. The dam could most easily be constructed across the Chagres River at Alhajuela, and the additional storage would enable lockage for an annual traffic of 100,000,000 tons, nearly four times the present traffic.
The cost of the project is estimated to be between \$810,000,000 and \$812,000,000 and the dam would take about six years to complete.—Reuter's American Service.

THE PHILIPPINES.

OPINION OF THE U. S.
SECRETARY FOR WAR.

Washington, Dec. 4.
With regard to the Philippines, the annual report of the Secretary for War says that the effort to develop the people so as to make them capable of self-government has undoubtedly interfered with economic development, and adds that if the United States announced her definite determination to remain permanently or indefinitely in control of the islands, the economic development would be much more rapid.
Equally was it true that if the United States announced her definite determination to withdraw from the islands, the decision would result in temporary but rapid retrogression.—Reuter's American Service.

THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

AMERICAN COMMENT.

Geneva, Dec. 4.
The Security Committee will meet on February 20, and the Preparatory Disarmament Commission will meet on March 15.

The Disarmament Conference will probably be held in the course of 1928.
M. Litvinoff, supported by Count Bernstorff, urged that the Preparatory Commission should meet on January 10. Lord Cushendun opposed the proposals, which were eventually set aside.

Delegates Depart.

The thirteen Russian delegates are leaving for Moscow at the week-end.

M. Litvinoff, interviewed by Reuter, said, "Our work is finished."—Reuter.

Poison Gas.

Geneva, Dec. 4.
M. Litvinoff told Reuter that the Soviet yesterday signed adhesion to the protocol condemning the use of poisonous and asphyxiating gas in war.—Reuter.

President's Views.

Washington, Dec. 4.
President Coolidge declared that M. Litvinoff's disarmament proposals could not apply to the United States, as the American regular forces had been reduced to a mere police force. He did not believe that the entire abandonment of United States naval armaments would help the welfare of the world at present.—Reuter's American Service.

Britain's Peace Gesture Ignored.

Washington, Dec. 3.
The announcement from the White House that President Coolidge will recommend Congress immediately to sanction the construction of additional cruisers has caused some surprise in view of the gesture of the British Admiralty which proposes to lay down only one cruiser instead of the three contemplated next year in accordance with the previously announced programme.—Reuter's American Service.

Danger of Unforeseeable Commitments.

London, Dec. 3.
The Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference, having completed the principal business for which it was called—the establishment of a Security Committee—is holding the final meeting of the present session at Geneva to-day to fix a date for the next meeting.

The scheme of study and work for the Security Committee, which was submitted yesterday, meets with general approval here. It is agreed that the word "Security," which has different meanings for different countries, should, as Lord Cushendun suggested, at yesterday's meeting, be more closely defined.

In his subsequent conversation with the Press the British delegate emphasised the particular difficulty found by the British Govern-

SPIES FOR RUSSIA.

TRIAL PROCEEDS AT BOW STREET.

London, Dec. 4.
At the resumption at Bow Street of the hearing of the charges of espionage against George Hansen and Wilfred McCartney, Counsel for the prosecution declared that McCartney, alias Hudson, was a member of the British Communist party and Hansen, alias Johnson, was a German subject. The foreign Power concerned in the case was the Government of Soviet Russia. The case was adjourned.

The matter was first brought to the attention of the authorities by an underwriter of Lloyd's, named George Monkland, whom McCartney asked to get answers to thirteen questions. Disclosures of these questions, said Counsel, would be a national danger.

Monkland showed the document to Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Hall, M. P. for Eastbourne, who communicated the matter to the Government. Thereafter Monkland regularly reported to the Government agent.—Reuter.

TO TRY AGAIN.

McINTOSH AND HINKLER
RETURN HOME.

London, Dec. 3.
The hardships and adventures encountered by Capt. McIntosh and Mr. Hinkler during their attempt to make a record non-stop long distance flight to India was described by them on their return to London yesterday night. Their failure was entirely due to shocking weather. Capt. McIntosh, interviewed by Reuter, expressed the opinion that but for this, the attempt to reach India would have been a walk-over.—Reuter.

London, Dec. 3.
The British airmen, Captain McIntosh and Mr. Hinkler, who, owing to particularly adverse weather encountered in Poland, abandoned their attempted non-stop flight to India, declare that when conditions permit, probably in February or March, they will make another attempt over the same route.—British Wireless.

ment in undertaking engagements regarding security binding her to action in unforeseeable circumstances. The signing of such pacts was more difficult in a country where the Parliamentary system was highly developed and where public opinion was strong and free than in one where the Parliamentary system was comparatively undeveloped.—British Wireless.



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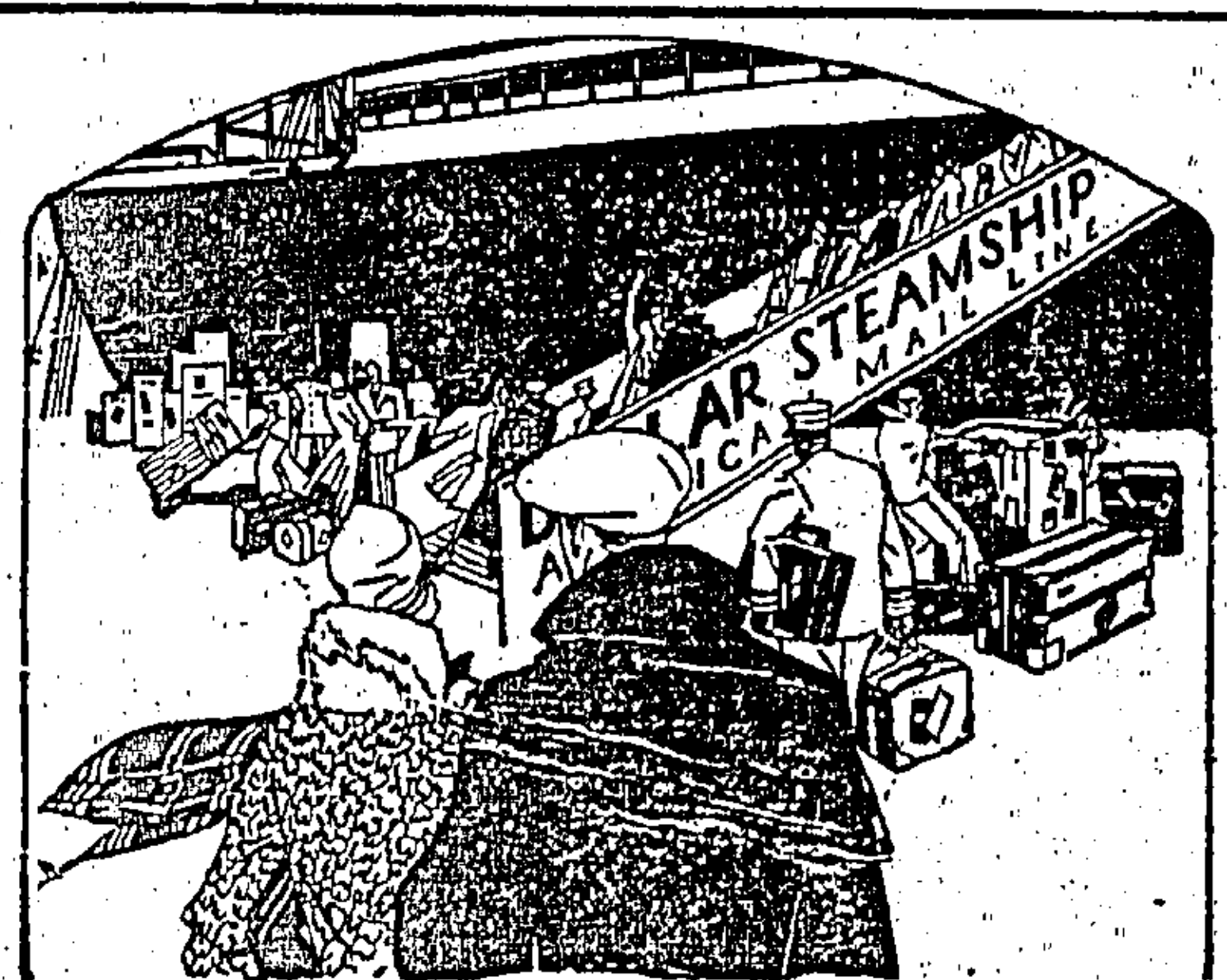
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KALYAN	9,114	7th Jan.	Straits & Bombay
DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles, L'don, & A'werp
MALWA	10,986	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London
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KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
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SHANGHAI CRIME.**BIG INCREASE IN NOVEMBER.**

Shanghai, Dec. 4.
Evidence of increasing crime is reflected in the International Settlement police report for November, during which month 137 armed robberies and twelve murders occurred, of which three were foreign victims, while eight armed robbers were killed by the police. All the foregoing occurred within the International Settlement.
The Shanghai Times in commenting on this state of affairs says that the Municipal Police (the foreign section of which is mostly British) is striving manfully and unflinchingly against odds, facing death hourly but hemmed in by all sorts of restrictions of jurisdiction. They cannot enter Chinese territory without much formality and have no power to refuse admission into the Settlement except of known criminals and armed persons. It recommends the erection of barricades at key-points since armed robbery and kidnapping have become a well-organised Chinese profession and the communists are again stirring up strikes and rioting.—Reuter.

THE U.S. ARMY.**SHORTAGE OF AIR FORCE RECRUITS.**

Washington, Dec. 3.
The striking fact that the United States Army purchases during the War totalled fourteen million dollars is mentioned in the annual report of the Assistant Secretary for war.
"Commissions are going begging for the lack of youngsters to take them," says the first report of the Assistant Secretary for Air, emphasising the shortage of commissioned personnel with Air Corps. He declares that it is grave problem to get men qualified without lowering the standard requirements.
Definite Progress.
As regards the Army the report states that there has been definite progress from a military standpoint, but sufficient provision has not been made for building up and maintaining the "authorised war reserve of material for two field armies, or a million men. This, the report states, is a matter of deep concern and of great importance. The present need of the War Department is the continued stabilisation of policy.—Reuter's American Service.

FRIENDS OF INDIA.**SIR JOHN SIMON'S SELF SACRIFICE.**

London, Dec. 3.
The Secretary for India, Lord Birkenhead, speaking last night at a dinner to Sir John Simon, referred to the latter's sacrifice in practically giving up two years from his professional life to act as Chairman of the Indian Statutory Commission. Although there had been many criticisms of the Commission, he had not discovered a single criticism either British or Indian, of the chairman appointed.—British Wireless.

AIR SERVICES.**BRITAIN'S NEW AIRSHIPS.**

London, Dec. 3.
Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for Air, speaking at Oxford University last night, said it was hoped that two new airships would be completed some time next year. If the experiments which the Ministry had been conducting for the last three years succeeded they would bring Egypt within two days of England, India within four days, Australia within ten or eleven days, and New Zealand within twelve or thirteen days. That would be a great advantage to the British Empire and to trade and commerce generally.
The Ministry had embarked definitely upon a long period of research, and were carrying out a series of small-scale experiments. A number of scientists were engaged on the work, and great progress in the design and knowledge of airships had been made. The Meteorological Office had charted the air between England and India, and had acquired information about air currents that had never been known before.—British Wireless.

FRANCE AND ITALY.**FRIENDLY ARRANGEMENT.**

Paris, Dec. 4.
M. Briand and the Italian Ambassador have signed a *Modus Vivendi* settling the reciprocal position of French and Italian nationals and societies existing in each other's territory.
This friendly settlement regarded as most significant at present when there is much talk of Franco-Italian tension.—Reuter.

MALARITA MURDERS.**ANOTHER RINGLEADER CAPTURED.**

Islands, Dec. 4.
Tulaza, Solomon Island, Dec. 4.
Chief Nolu (Norgu?), the second of the ringleaders in the recent Malaria murders, has been captured along with several of the followers.—Reuter.
[A message last month gave this Chief's name as Norgu.]

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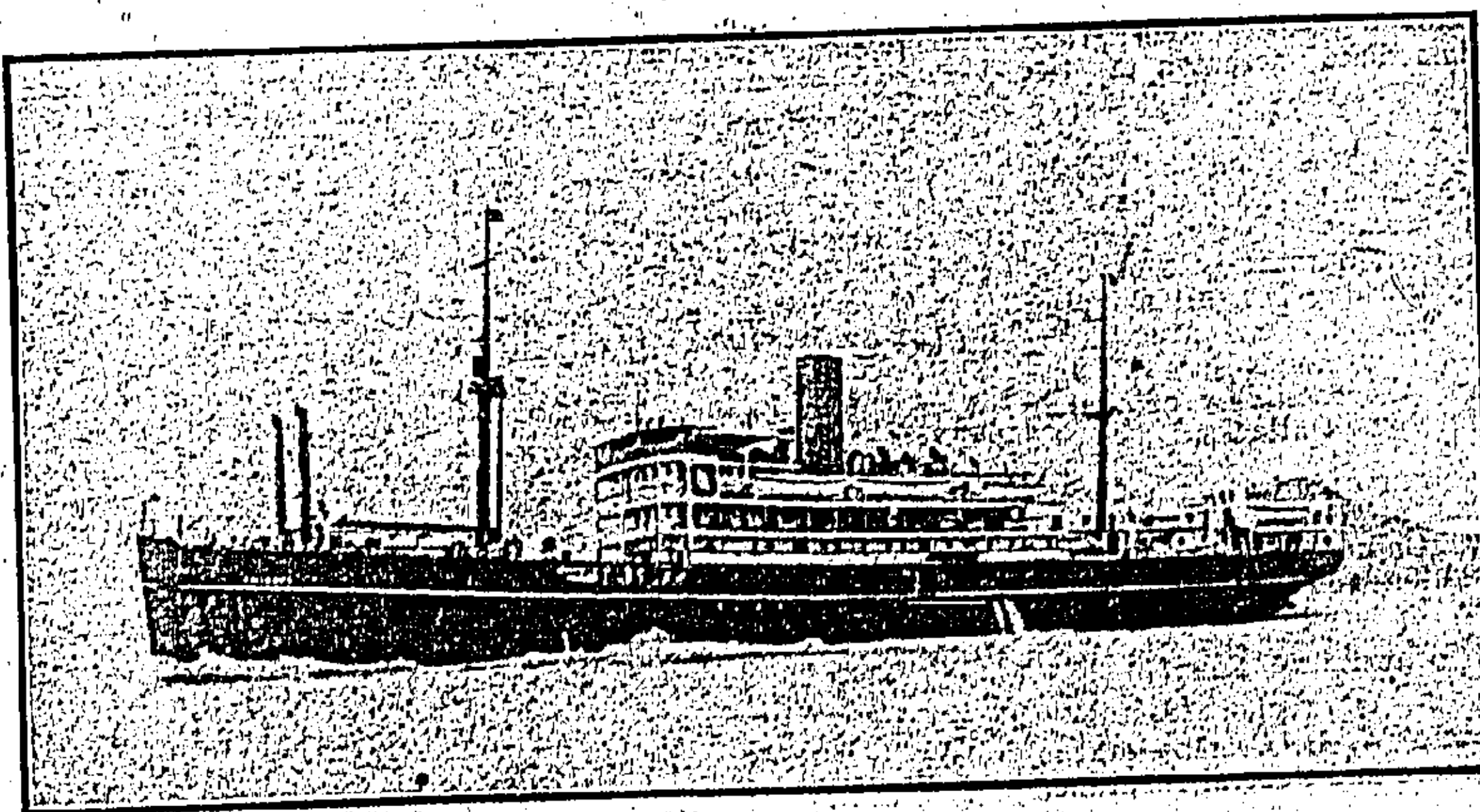
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MONEY FOR RUSSIA.**A PERSISTENT RUMOUR.**

Geneva, Dec. 4.
It is persistently rumoured that M. Litvinoff, the principal Russian delegate to the Disarmament Conference, has had a satisfactory interview with Mr. Jeremiah Smith, American member of the League of Nations Financial Commission, regarding an American loan to Russia in exchange for concessions to the United States. Both deny that they have met.—Reuter.

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4, Duddell Street, Hongkong.LARCENY OF A
SINGLET.MAN ARRESTED AFTER HUE
AND CRY.

A woollen singlet belonging to
Mr. A. J. Kew, of No. 62, Kowloon
Tong, formed the subject of a
charge of larceny preferred against
a Chinese before Mr. W. Schofield
at the Kowloon Magistracy this
morning.

The defendant stated that he ac-
cidentally knocked the garment off
the line.

Evidence was produced to show
that the accused was seen taking
the singlet from the line in the
garden, and on the amah raising
the alarm, Mr. H. Ahwee and a
gardener gave chase, the defend-
ant discarding the stolen article
shortly before being apprehended
by the gardener.

In making a statement, the de-
fendant reiterated his previous plea
and emphatically denied that he
had stolen the singlet.

Sentence of six weeks' hard la-
bour was imposed.

PIRACY ECHO.

(Continued from Page 1.)

off owing to the pirates, with their
captive, removing further inland,
but the naval authorities believe
that they know the new location of
the band, and a small naval expedi-
tion to the spot is starting from
Ichang to-day.

General Yang Sen left Ichang
yesterday for an unknown destina-
tion.—*Reuter.*

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Shanghai, Dec. 2.

Arrangements for the release of
Captain Lalor are going forward.
The bandits demand ransom of
\$60,000.

Communication has been estab-
lished with Captain Lalor through
the Peking Telegraph Office and
it is hoped to effect his release
shortly.

There has been no important
change on other parts of the Yang-
tze.—*Naval Wireless.*

Missionary Go Between.

Shanghai, Dec. 3.

A telegram to Peking regard-
ing Captain Lalor proposes to
effect his release on Monday.

The Scottish missionary Mr.
Tocher will go down in a launch
until the pirates appear with
Captain Lalor, and then commence
negotiations. No reply has been
received.—*Naval Wireless.*

Shanghai, Dec. 4.

Reports from Ichang state that
negotiations are progressing
favorably and it is hoped that
the release of Captain Lalor will
be effected on Monday.—*Reuter.*

Home Interest.

London, Dec. 3.

The capture of Capt. Lalor has
received great prominence here.
Stories of his career are publish-
ed and it is stated that he married
within two hours of sailing for
China a year ago, and that he left
his bride at home, saying that
he would return to England to
fetch her when China was safe.
—*Reuter.*

Ransom Demand Reduced.

Shanghai, Dec. 3.

The ransom for Captain Lalor
has been reduced to \$50,000. The
bandits are threatening to kill
the Captain if an attempt is made to
round them up.

The British authorities have es-
tablished communication with
Captain Lalor and hopes are enter-
tained for his early release. They
have presented General Yang Sen,
who is controlling that section of
the Yangtze, with a demand for
the immediate despatch of two
parties of soldiers to effect his re-
lease, and it is believed that a
naval concentration is taking
place at Ichang. H.M.S. Bee has
already gone there from Hankow.

The British authorities have is-
sued a warning that all shipping
should take special precautions
whilst at anchor at night, time
against the possibility of similar
surprise bandit attacks.

The casualties when the Slang-
tan was attacked are now given
as five Chinese members of the
crew killed and two wounded.
—*Reuter.*

Insurance Risk.

London, Dec. 3.

Captain W. H. Coombs of the
Navigators and General Insurance
Company Limited, has informed
Reuter that his Company has ar-
ranged insurance regarding the
holding of Captain Lalor to ransom.
He added: although we do not
consider he is at any great risk,
we have to-day arranged with the
London insurance market to pay a
substantial sum should he be kill-
ed or kept longer than six months.
—*Reuter.*

A NIGHT IN THE
RIGGING.FEARED LOSS OF LIVES IN
SCILLY ISLES WRECK.

DISASTER IN DENSE FOG.

Of the eleven men who were
left in a precarious position on
the Italian steamer Isabo, which
struck a rock off Bryher (Scilly
Isles) it is feared that seven have
lost their lives after a night of
privation in the rigging of the
wrecked vessel, says a Home paper
of mail week.

The Isabo stranded in a dense
fog, and in response to calls by
the ship's siren, the lifeboat and
other boats put out from Bryher
Island to render assistance.
Twenty-seven men were saved out
of the crew of thirty-eight.

Some hours afterwards, the ship
broke in two and the sea was
covered with floating grain and
wreckage, making it very difficult
for the rescuing boats to get near
enough to save the remaining
eleven men.

Clinging to Rigging.

Heavy seas broke over the rocks
and the crew of the lifeboat could
see the sailors clinging to the
rigging. There they stayed
throughout a terrible night, with
the lifeboat standing by but un-
able to assist.

Soon after daybreak one man
jumped into the sea and swam to
Scilly, actually landing safely
upon the rocks in spite of the
huge seas running. Three others
plunged into the water, and were
rescued by the lifeboat in an ex-
hausted condition.

In the lifeboat was a local doc-
tor, and he was able to help and
succour two of the men who were
in a bad way.

When the seas subsided the life-
boat approached the wreck, and
one man was found dead from ex-
posure in the crew's nest.

The remainder of the men are
thought to have trusted themselves
to pieces of wreckage, and have
drifted away before the wind
and the sea.

Coastguards have sent out a
wireless message to all shipping
to be on the lookout for these
men.

The injured and exhausted sail-
ors are being well cared for at
St. Mary's, and the island people
are full of praise for the crews
of the boats who went out to the
rescue.

Siren Blasts.

The vessel, which was bound
from Hamburg to Montreal, ran
into a dense fog in the afternoon,
and was carried by the high seas
on to the rocks off what is called
"Hell Bay."

The first intimation of the
disaster was the loud blast of her
siren. She was equipped with
wireless, but it is believed that
the apparatus was destroyed by
the impact.

The Scilly is off the island of
Bryher, the westernmost island of
the Scilly group. There are a
small number of inhabitants on
the island, who at once put off in
their fishing boats to render what
aid they could.

Through heroic efforts by the
fishermen and lifeboatmen, 27 of
the crew were rescued, and then,
finding that they could not get
near the rock in the darkness and
the heavy seas, the lifeboat crew
put back to St. Mary's.

Although the lifeboatmen were
exhausted they again returned to
the rock, where they remained as
close as they dared.

The island of Bryher stands
right out in the Atlantic. It is
surrounded by a mass of rocks,
the most prominent of which is
the Scilly rock, situated in "Hell
Bay."

The bay had deserved this
name, for the rocks stand out of
the water like teeth of a hand-
saw, and the waves which break
over them are sometimes as high
as the Scilly Rock Lighthouse.
Ships from the waterwards put
into the bay during rough weath-
er.

It was in "Hell Bay" that the
American vessel Thomas Watson,
the largest sailing ship in the
world, was wrecked, and an Ameri-
can passenger steamer some
years ago was wrecked on the
Scilly Rock.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

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hams. Raphael. 9. Eight ounces. 10. Prime
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DEMONSTRATION OF
SHORT WAVES.A RADIO WORLD'S FAIR
FEATURE.

A simple, easily understood de-
monstration of some of the out-
standing characteristics of short
radio waves was one of the unique
features of the Westinghouse
Electric and Manufacturing Com-
pany's display at the Radio
World's Fair, held recently in the
New Madison Square Garden, New
York.

The essential parts of a
miniature radio station, broad-
casting on a wave less than three
meters long, was used for the de-
monstration. The wave was
illustrated by a rope, oscillated by
a motor so that the movement of
the rope corresponds exactly with
that of the radio wave. Westing-
house engineers say the feat of
timing the motor so that the rope's
vibrations are exactly the same as
the oscillations of the wave is one
which taxes their patience to the
utmost.

A set of wires was strung be-
side the rope and over these the
radio waves passed. The demon-
strator, holding a small flashlight,
passed his hand along these wires
and, at the point shown by the rope
to be the node of the wave, and only
there, the lamp was lighted. Simi-
larly, a tube filled with neon
was passed along the wires and
this glowed only at the point shown
by the rope to be the crest of the
wave.

Another feature of the demon-
stration was the lighting of an
electric lamp, not wired in any way,
merely by holding it in the air.

The knowledge necessary for the
conducting of these feats was
obtained after months of experi-
menting in the Westinghouse
laboratory by Dr. Philip Thomas,
Westinghouse short wave expert.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local
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Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1135 b.
Chartered Bank, \$21 b.
Mercantile A. & B., £301 n.
P. and O. £10 n.
East Asia, \$62 n.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$555 b.
Union Ins., \$2921 b.
North China, Ins., £15.143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.
China Underwriters, \$120 s.
China Fires, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$625 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$371 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$20 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$170 s.
Indo-Chinas, (Pref.) \$30 n.
Shell Trans., 90/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$17 n.

Mining.

Benguets, \$21 n.
Kailans, 63/- n.
Langkats, Tls. \$181 b.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.90 s.
Rauhs, \$31 b.
Tronohs, 19/3 n.

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Kowloon Wharves, \$122 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$35 s.
China Providents, \$4 n.
Hongkows, Tls. 157 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 5 s.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 95 n.

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Ewo Cottons, Tls. 7.40 s.
Orientals, Tls. 2 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 461 X. Div.
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H. and S. Hotels, \$7 sa.
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Tramways, \$201 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s.
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H'kong Electric, \$56 s.
Macao Electric, \$44 b.
Telephones \$3.90 b.
China Buses, Tls. 4 sa.
Singapore Traction, 12/9 n.

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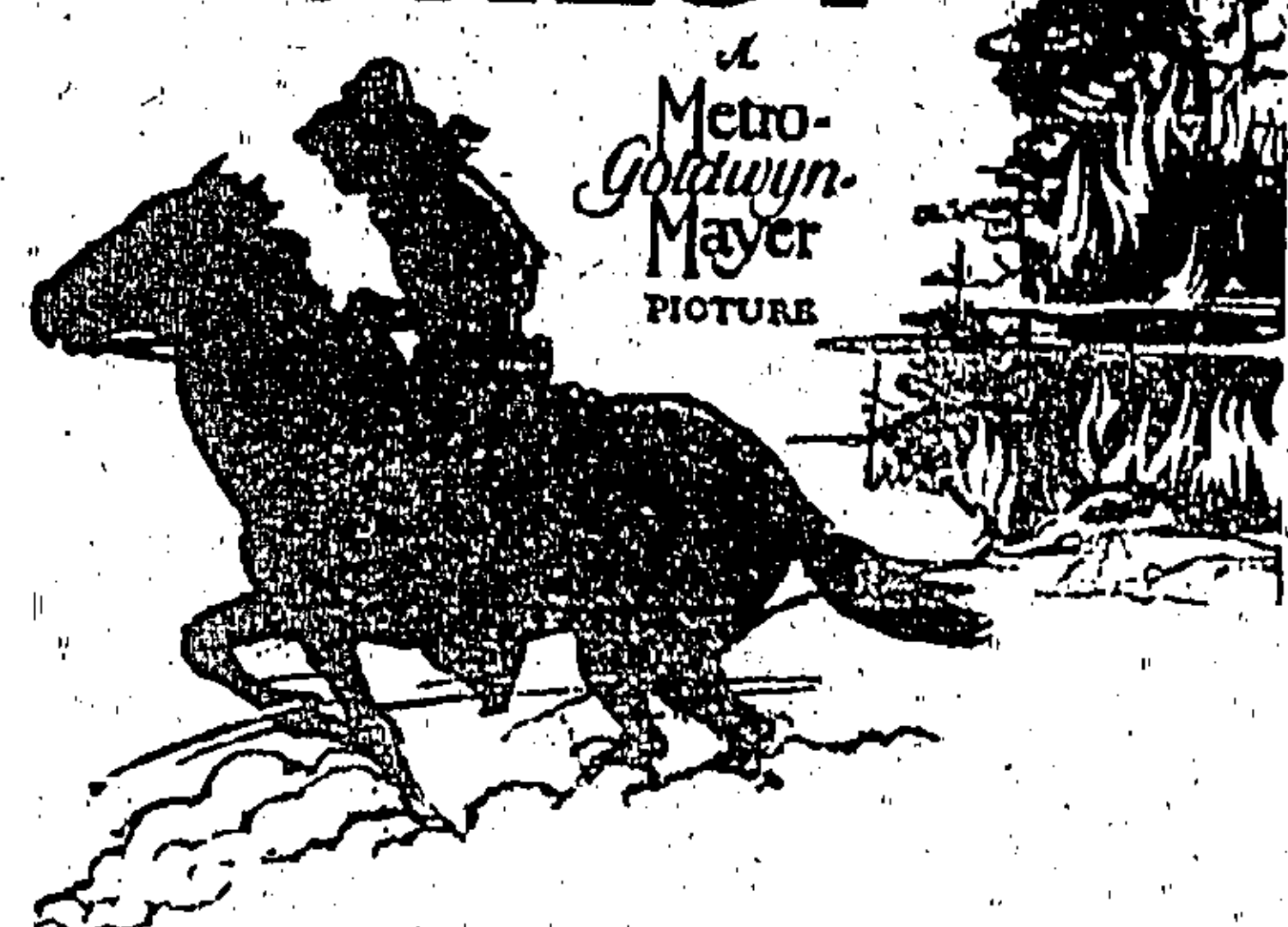
China Sugars, \$3 n.
Malabons, \$30 s.
Canton Ices, \$5 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$7 s.
Ropes (Old) \$10 n.
United Asbestos, \$12 s.
Stores &c.
Dairy Farms, \$15.10 n.
Watsons, \$111 n.
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Lane Crawfords, \$5 s.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceres, \$31 n.
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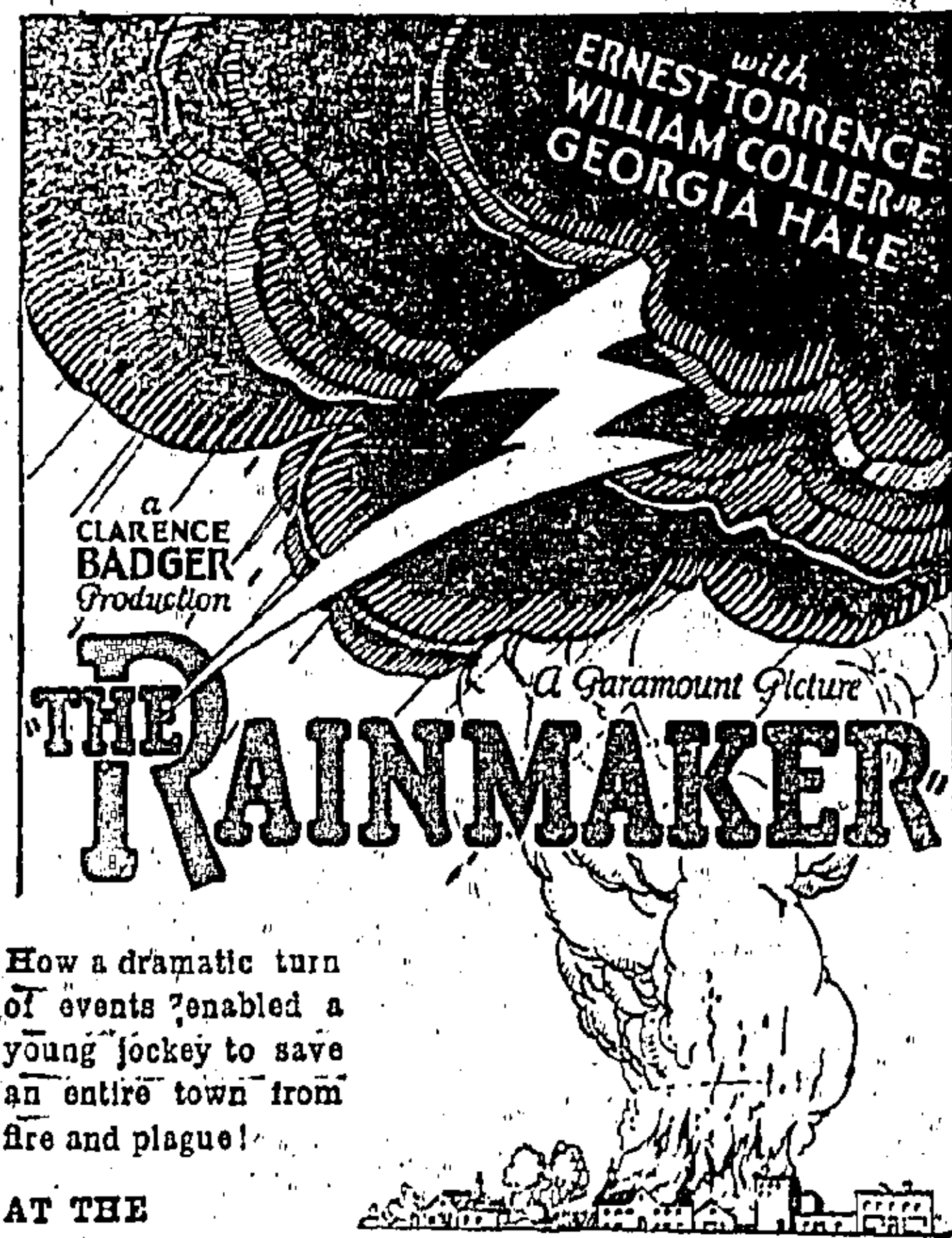
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